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He said many rebels had surrendered to government for-ces, but that no leaders of the

coup bid launched before dawn

During the fighting, which broke out early today, rebels had

seized air torce headquarters at Villamor Air Base and Fort Bonifacio, as well as parts of armed forces headquarters at Camp Aguinaldo, police headquarters at Camp Crame and the govern-

De Villa said some 30 rebel officers and 368 enlisted men who took over the logistics command at Camp Aguinaldo in Quezon city near Manila and

Complete coverage,

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Benazir worried

ISLAMABAD, Dec 1, (Kunna):

parts of the adjacent Philippine

Constabulary base at Camp Crame surrendered at nightfail

Gen. Rodolfo Biazon said

rebellious troops had abandoned the government television net-

work Channel 4. Biazon also said

rebel leaders had escaped from

Villamor adjacent to the Manila

'That's just the natural con-

sequence of their realization that

De Villa also said rebels also

were dislodged from the former

US Naval Air station at Sangley

Point in Cavite province just east

The Red Cross officials said at

least 24 people, including 13 sol-diers, were killed in the intense

fighting at the government telev-

ision network and at Camps

Aguinaldo and Crame. More

than 50 others, mostly bystan-

Azcuna reported about five

rebel casualties during fighting

and estimated four civilians were

casualties of a rebel bomb drop-

ped on a television transmitter. He did not specify if the casual-

ties were deaths.

At dayback three rebel T-28 trainer planes flown by troops

believed loyal to renegade ex-

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"Rebel troops left the air base one by one, two by two," he said.

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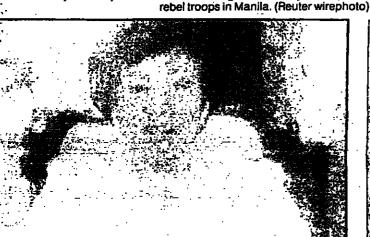
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ment television station.

U.S. intervenes against revolt; Bush orders fighter jets to fly air cover



Civilians carry the body of a soldier who belongs to forces loyal to Aquino after an exchange of gunfire with



Aguino vows to smash an attempt by army rebels to seize power as she appears on television. (Reuter wirephoto)

Cory beats 'Gringo' coup

Bombing run on TV station; near miss for Aquino

MANTLA, Dec 1, (Agencies): Renegade troops seized several military garrisons today in the seventh coup attempt against President Corazon Aquino but government officials claimed to have virtually quelled the rebellion with the help of US

Armed forces chef Gen. Renato de Villa said by tonight, rebels had been dislodged or fled, fulfilling his earlier declaration, "this coup has failed as of now. It cannot succeed anymore. It's a matter of cleaning it up.

But news reports said hundreds of rebellious soldiers who abandoned the garrisons and a television station then marched behind armoured vehicles toward the armed forces headquarters at camp Aguinaldo for a major showdown.

Government forces reportedly were dispatched to stop the rebels, who reportedly left their last occupied position at army headquarters at Fort Bonifacio to stage the offensive. The reports said the massing rebels also included those who earlier occupied the Philippine Air Force headquarters at Villamor Air Base and the government television station in another part of the capital.

An intense 10-minute gun battle was reported in the Makati financial district apparently between rebel forces and suspected government snipers posted along buildings in the area also hit by a power brown out.

'It's not over but it's probably almost over," Aquino spokesman Adolfo Azcuna told Cable News network of the coup, saying loyalist troops got "substantial reinforcement and the air cover given by our friends has also helped."

My lirst task is to restore the dignity of the country'

Singh is Premier

I was duped — Chandrashekhar



At a news conference shortly after be was appointed by President Ramaswamy Venkataraman, Singh vowed to continne the crusade against corruption that thwarted Rajiv's bid to keep leading the world's most populous democracy.

"My first task is to restore the dignity of the country," Singh said. "We should make an India of which every Indian will be proud."

Singh was to be sworn in tomorrow. The President gave him 30 days to obtain a vote of confidence from Parliament.

Venkataraman's appointment followed by two hours Singh's unanimous election as parliamentary leader of the National Front, centrist coalition which prevented Rajiv's Congress Party from winning a majority in last week's national elec-

But Singh's election to lead the National Front did not come easily.
There were last-minute conferences, a fistfight, and allegations of skullduggery within the Front, which is united by little more than antipathy to Rajiv and the Congress Party.
However, the five-party National
Front put together the most cohesive

opposition force in India's 42 years of independence, during most of which Rajiv's party had governed. Singh, 58, a former Rajiv cabinet minister, campaigned in the Nov 22-26 parliamentary elections against what he called the widespread

corruption and ineptitude of the Congress Party. The elections were marked by widespread allegations of fraud, which led to re-voting in several districts, and violence that killed more

than 100 people.

After his election as coalition leader, Singh told fellow members of the Janata Dal partismentary bloc:
"I wish to thank you for the confidence you have (given) me. This is a difficult time and there are difficult problems before the nation." Singh's Janata Dal is the biggest component

of the coalition.

On Thursday, members of the coalition said Singh, a former defence minister, was the only can-didate for prime minister. But Singh's professed reluctance to take the job spurred two other candidates, Chandrashekhar and Devi Lal, to

Today. Singh and other leaders drove from house to house and office to office for a series of consultations. The fistfights occurred outside the home of Chandrashekhar and riot



V.P. Singh (left) all smiles as he meets Venkataraman. (Reuter wirephoto)



Opposition politician Ram Jethmalani (left) tries to shield himself from a mob that attacked him outside the home of Chandrashekhar in New Delhi

police were called to break them up. Ram Jethmalani, a senior member of the National Front, was punched and kicked by supporters of Chan-drashekhar when he got out of his car to begin a hunger strike aimed at persuading Chandrashekhar to step

aside in favour of Singh.
The 78-year-old Jethmalani, one of India's top criminal lawyers, fell to the ground as reporters watched. "If the assault serves any purpose, it is worth it," a disheveled Jethmalani said. His cream-coloured

shirt was torn, and he said he was Jethmalani said he would remain it" if Chandrashekhar does not withdraw from the contest.

As he spoke, riot police formed a wall between his supporters and followers of Chandrashekhar, who had engaged in fistlights after the beating and continued to shout at each other. Chandrashekhar condemned the violence, but said he had not withdr-

awn his name from consideration.
"There's every chance of a contest

at the meeting. I will see what the position is, and then I will decide," he told reporters.

Another candidate for the prime

minister's job, Devi Lal, has threatened to pull out of the National

By the time coalition legislators entered Parliament to choose their leader, the deal had been made. But Chandrashekhar said he had been

When the proceedings started. Singh stood up and proposed Devi Lai for party leader. Chandrashek-har seconded the proposal.

Then Devi Lal stood up, said he

didn't want the job and proposed Singh. A Singh supporter, Ajit Singh, immediately seconded the proposal, and Singh was declared unanimously

"The decision was to choose Devi (Continued on Page 7)

35 Aids cases

THIRTY-FIVE Aids cases, most of them expatriates have been discovered in Kuwait and the government is introducing new measures to protect the nation against the deadly dis-

Addressing a debate to mark the occasion of the Second International Anti-Aids Day, Planning Minister and acting Health Minister Abdul Rahman Al Awadi said that a new law on Aids patients in Kuwait is being considered by the government and will be passed by the Council of Ministers in the coming two

The draft law is intended to organise the relationship between the Aids patient and society as well as protection means against the deadly disease.

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Mother gets pacemaker

CALCUTTA, Dec 1, (UPI): Doctors today implanted an internal pacemaker next to the heart of Nobel laureate Mother Teresa, who for the second time in three months has been hospitalised with problems linked to her long-standing cardiac condi-

Mother Teresa was "well and resting" following the hour-iong operation, said a bulletin issued by the Woodlands Nursing Home, one of Calcutta's most prestigious medical facilities.

"The permanent pacemaker was implanted today," said the bulletin, which provided no further details.

Mother Teresa, 79, was admitted to the hospital's intensive care unit late Wednesday, after complaining of severe giddiness thought to have been caused by an irregular heart beat.

There was no immediate explanation for why doctors had decided to implant an internal pacemaker, an option they had prevously rejected.

The nun, renowned around the world for her unceasing work of helping the needy through her global missionairies of charity organisation, had been hospitalised in September.

Weather

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Hirawi delays hitting Aoun

Only Lebanese will be used

BEIRUT, Dec 1, (Agencies): New President Elias Hirawi said today he was delaying an attack on Gen. Michel Aoun because of thousands of demonstrators camped around Aoun's headquarters at Lebanon's presidential palace.

"If there had not been innocent people around the former Lebanese Army commander, we would have suppressed (the mutiny) and finished the "he told the British Broadcasting Corporation.

He vowed that the operation would go ahead if mediation failed in a "limited period" but said only Lebanese troops would

The Lebanese Army will carry out the operation to suppress the rebellion," he told the BBC in an interview. "That is what happens in any democratic country when there is a revolt against the state.

"As for asking for help from non-Lebanese forces, I think and I affirm that will not happen."

A Syrian troop buildup ring-ing Aoun's Christian enclave has heightened fears of renewed war after a two-month truce.

While hundreds of people fled Beirut, tens of thousands of young Christians formed a human shield around Aoun in the Christian suburb of Baabda. Hirawi, elected a week ago under an Arab League plan to

Pope in historic talks with Gorbachev at the Vatican.

end 14 years of civil war, has sworn he will govern a reunited Lebanon from the Baabda

Dismissed Army Col. Gregorio

Honasan, (Reuter wirephoto)

Hirawi told the BBC he had agreed with various states which contacted him to delay the operation for a limited time. "I cannot specify the number of days or one or two weeks which it will take to exhaust the mediation capabilities of big powers so no one can say I was being hasty,"

The United States and France, which has sent a warship to evacuate its nationals if necessary, warned Syria and Hirawi's Syrian-backed government not

to mount any attack.. Hirawi, elected two days after his predecessor was assassinated, said on Sunday Aoun had 48 hours to accept his authority or face possible attack.

He told the BBC he was determined to force Aoun to submit but added: "We don't want there to be a military operation against residential areas and to kill innocents and destroy houses. Lebanon has had enough of

Tens of thousands packed the palace grounds today in the largest show of support so far for Aoun, who rejects Hirawi as a puppet of Syrian authority and his own dismissal as army chief.

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Front if Singh was chosen the leader. on a hunger strike "as long as I bear Mould a future free of tyranny and fear, Bush urges Gorbachev

MARSAXLOKK BAY, Maita, Dec 1, (Agencies): US President George Bush today urged Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev on the eve of their first summit to help mould "a future free of both tyranny and fear." The Soviet leader concluded a historic Vatican visit with a pledge of new religious freedoms back home._

Gorbachev, due here late at night after a three-day visit to Italy, met with Pope John Paul II and promised religious freedom throughout the Soviet Union. It was the first meeting between a Kremlin chief and a Roman Catholic Pontiff.

Bush was the first to arrive in Malta for the two days of talks on Soviet and American naval ships beginning tomorrow against the backdrop of sweeping changes throughout Eastern Europe, bringing down hard-line communist governments. The two men are also expected to discuss arms control, trade relatious and conflicts such as Afgh-

anistan and El Salvador as well.

Beyond promising religious tolerance, Gorbachev said the Kremlin will establish diplomatic ties with the Vatican and he invited the Pope, whom he addressed as "your holiness," to visit the Soviet

Bush was distracted by the coup attempt against the US-backed government of President Corazon Aquino in the Philippines. The US President issued orders from Air Force one enroute to Malta for American warplanes to prevent rebel forces from

using two airports in Manila.

"I strongly support Mrs Aquino and she knows Bush said. He said the situation in Manila "sounds maybe a little better."

US, France, Soviet Union and Pope's help sought

(Continued from Page 1) Carloads and busloads of protesters jammed roads for four km (2.5 miles).

"He (Aoun) is our hero and we will die for him," said factory worker Kamal Haik, 19. Thousands of men, women

and children have camped in the palace grounds day and night since Tresday and yow to remain there to deter any attack.

"I will stay till the danger is over — for ever if necessary," said student Haddad Nasry, hanging out soaking blankets to dry on his tent. "Every day I stay here delays an attack by one day."

Waving Lebanese army flags and portraits of Aoun, the crowd

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nationalist music and speeches boomed over loudspeakers. "It's amazing. I am so over-whelmed I can hardly speak," said Chantal Aoun, 16, one of the

general's three daughters. The Lebanese Red Cross treated more than 60 people taken ill during the palace demonstration today, workers

Most had fainted because they had not eaten while others broke down because of the hysteria or insect bites.

Security was tightened today with only officials, officers and journalists allowed to reach the palace itself. Aoun lives and works in a hunker beneath the shell-ruined building.
Political sources said Maron-

ite Christian churchmen have been shuttling between Hirawi and Aoun for the last two days in efforts to avert a bloody show-

Sources close to Hirawi said he had sent Maronite Member of Parliament Butros Hard to Europe with messages to French President François Mitterrand and Pope John Paul.

Hirawi has asked the United States, the Soviet Union and France to convince Aoun to leave the presidential palace without a military brawl with Syrian forces.

A source close to Hirawi said he was "trying to avoid a military showdown. But at the same time, he is determined to regain control of all government institu-tions in the Christian area."

The government source said Hirawi sent letters to US President George Bush, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and French President François Mitterrand through diplomatic channels asking them to pressure

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Support

Samir Geagea, chief of Christian hardline Lebanese Forces, said that his militia would defend the Christian enclave with army troops loyal to deliant General Michel Aoun if Syrian troops attacked the areas. (Reuter wirephoto)

Aoun, who opposes the peace plan, wants war," said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The tripartite Arab committee today reiterated its backing of Hirawi and his government for national conciliation to overcome all obstacles impeding realisation of peace in the war-torn

The new assertion came during contacts between Lebanese Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss and Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal today to evaluate Arab and international efforts to pacify Lebanon and latest developments in this regard, official sources said.

The Bush administration publicly called Aoun "to step aside" and also urged all parties, including the Syrians, against the use of force and resort to

State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said at the daily briefing, "we believe that it would be in Lebanon's interest for Gen Aoun to step aside in favour of Lebanon's con stitutionally sanctioned govern-

Meanwhile, Israeli military and political leaders said today that the Syrian army's buildup in Lebanon was not a threat to Israel and that a Syrian attack on Christian forces was not likely to bring an Israeli response.

"Israel will not act as long as its essential interest are not threatened. At this stage, they are not," Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Dan Shomron said on Israel radio. ■ Security sources said that

pro-Iranian fighters of Hezbollah, or Party of God, killed a Norwegian peacekeeper in a firefight in south Lebanon. One source, speaking on con-

dition of anonymity, identified the dead Norwegian soldier as Pvt. Rune Obland, 20.

Arrest denied

Abu Nidal in hospital

WASHINGTON, Dec 1. (UPI): Abu Nidal, leader of one of the most extreme terrorist organisations, is being treated at a hospital in Libya suffering from exhaustion, an Arab

newspaper reported.

Abu Nidal, 52. "is now at a hospital in Libya receiving treatment, but his life is not in danger," the London-based Al Hayat daily quoted a ranking Palestinian source of said

ing Palestinian source as saying.
Abu Nidal was dispatched to hospital some two weeks ago after suf-fering from fatigue, the Al Hayat said in its Wednesday's editions. Al Hayat, quoting an unnamed Palestinian official who said that he had visited Abu Nidal at the Libyan

hospital, denied reports he had been placed under house arrest. "His life is not in danger," the Palestinian official said, "and he is not placed under house arrest, but he has health troubles that appeared

after the recent cracks in his organisation."
Several Arab and western sources have reported that Abu Nidal's group. Al Fatah Revolutionary Council, was in turmoil and that dozens of the group's members had been assassinated in a bitter power

struggle. On Tuesday, Arab sources said Libyan leader Col. Moanmar Khaddaff, who has been under pressure by Arab governments to break with the Palestinian hard-liner, used the power struggle within Abu Nidal's

group to move against him.

An Egyptian source said Khaddali ordered a freeze "on all activities and movement" by Abu Nidal about 20 days ago and granted him political refugee status.

Hirawi delays strike at Aoun Palestinian faces trial. for Pan Am conspiracy

Authorities may request indictment

NEW YORK, Dec I, (AP): Authorities may request an indictment in Sweden today of a suspected Palestinian for conspiracy to commit murder in the bombing of Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland,

an American television network reported.

Evidence linking Mohammed Abo Talb, a member of the extremist Palestine Popular Struggle Front, will be presented to a Swedish court

today, ABC news reported.

Abo Talb, one of three Palestinians on trial in Sweden for bomb attacks in northern Europe, has been linked in previous published

Carter's

spending one day in Cyprus.
British newspapers had previously reported on the Malta clothing link. Investigators believe they have linked Abo Talb to Ahmed Jibril, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-Gen-

eral Command, ABC said. Terrorism experts and media investigations have previously pointed to the PFLP-GC in the case. Some theories hold that-Iran hired the organisation to avenge a US warship's July 1988 downing of an Iran Air jet with 290 people aboard. Iran has den-York said the cancer has spread to Mrs Spann's liver, but "she is in

ied any involvement. According to ABC, Jibril has bragged privately that Iran paid him \$10 million for the bombing. in May, the West German magazine Quick reported that Iran paid Jibril \$1.3 million to carry out the attack. Jibril, publicly has denied any involvement with the bombing.

The ABC report said that on Oct 23, 1988, Abo Talb went to a store called Mary's House on Malta and bought clothes chosen at random, ABC said. Court

records examined in Sweden by the AP confirm Abo Talb visited

Malta Oct 19-26, 1988, after

The Sunday Times of London has reported that a baggage list shows one suitcase was transferred onto the Pam Am flight in Frankfurt, West Germany, from Air Malta flight KM180. In violation of international regulations, it was not accompanied by a passenger. Air Malta has said all the flight's passengers and baggage were accounted for.

Working with a hand-picked team of experienced terrorists. ABC said, Jibril bought Semtex, a plastic explosive, from a plant in Czechoslovakia and smuggled it into Europe through West Ger-

many, Yugoslavia, and Bulgaria. On Oct 26, 1988, the team minus Jibril — was atrested in a raid by West German police.

Police said after the raid they had prevented a major terrorist ration that would have included bombing Iberia and El Al airliners on their way to Tel Aviv, as well as a bar in Germany packed with US soldiers.

Call to tackle terrorism

VALLETTA, Dec 1. (Reuter): Cam-paigning relatives of passengers killed aboard a bombed Pan Am plane have urged the superpower summit to tackle state-backed terrorism and press Syria and Iran to stop

supporting commando groups.

The relatives sent an open letter appealing to US President George Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to help eradicate terrorism "which seeks to destroy innocent citizens in flight."

The letter called on them to make trade and support for Syria and Iran conditional on the two countries ceasing overt and covert backing for terrorist groups, including those under the command of Palestinian leader Ahmed Jibril.

sister has cancer

ATLANTA, Dec 1, (AP): Gloria Carter Spann, the last surviving sibling of former US president Jimmy Carter, has been diagnosed with pancrearic cancer, the same dis-case that killed their father, sister and prother and contributed to the decibrother and contributed to the death

Mrs Spann, 62, is a patient at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, according to a statement from her doctor, released yesterday by the Carter Presidential Centre. The statement from Dr Martin

excellent spirits and feels quite well." Options for treatment have been discussed with her, and she is weigh-ing the options," the statement said. Carter's brother, Billy, died of

at age 51. His evangelist sister, Ruth Carter Stapleton, succumbed to the disease at the age of 54 in September 1983. Carter's father, James Earl Carter Sr, also died of the disease in Pancreatic cancer also was a con-

tributing factor in the death of Carter's mother, "Miss Lillian" Carter, who died in October 1983, at age 85.

clothing fragments from the exploded suitcase had been traced to a store on the Mediterranean island of Malta. Man shoots wife

reports to the bombing of the Boeing 747. The jettiner exploded in mic

air on Dec 21, killing all 259 people aboard and 11 on the ground.

ABC said Scottish police raided Abo Talb's apartment in Upsalie.

Sweden, three days ago and found clothes that matched those found in the suitcase believed to have contained the bomb that exploded on

A government source told the Associated Press on Tuesday that

Teachers raped

NATCHEZ, Mississippi, Dec 1, (AP): A man shot his wife and raped two teachers in front of 19 children in a kindergarten classroom yesterday while holding police at bay with a pistol, authorities said.

Officers from the Natchez police department and Adams county sheriff's department stormed the classroom after an instructor grabbed the 38-caliber revolver from the assailant, assistant police chief George

Rutherford said. "The actions of the teachers really avoided a terrible disaster. I think they did a great job by keeping their heads." Rutherford said. He said Larry Bates, 35, was charged with aggravated assault, two

counts of rape, two counts of sexual battery, possession of a firearm by a felon and 22 counts of kidnapping in the incident at Northside primary school. Rutherford said the man's wife, Adria Bates, 40, a teacher's aide at

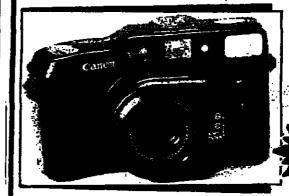
the school, suffered gunshot wounds to the scalp and back. She was listed in stable condition at a local hospital.

Police said Bates lined up the five- and-six-year-old children in froi of the classroom windows — between himself and police — and cover

the glass with paper. There were four teachers and aides in the classroom when incident began, Rutherford said. Bates raped two of the teachers as children looked on, he said.

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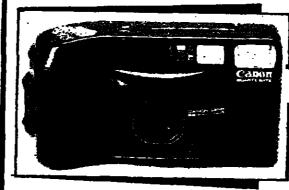


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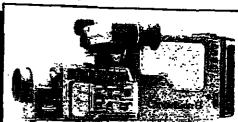
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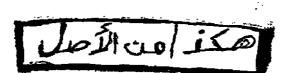
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PEOPLE AND PLACES

SAN FRANCISCO: The operator of a crane that plummeted 16 floors, killing five people, twice tried to commit suicide during the last nine months and was a chronic alcoholic. newspapers reported on Thursday. Lennie Boggess, the 45-year-old crane operator who was among those killed on Tuesday, also had been hospitalised for psychiatric

observation twice since March,

according to court documents obtained by McClatchy newspapers. The Sacramento Bee and The Morning News Tribune of Tacoma. Washington, where Boggess lived, said his i4-year-old daughter, Christine testified in January that he "drank to the point of drunkenness

on a regular basis." (AP) GREAT FALLS, Montana: A preliminary hearing has been scheduled for a Turkish citizen who authorities say was arrested while allegedly trying to bring \$50,000 worth of undeclared diamonds into the United States.

US magistrate Robert Holter on fonday scheduled a preliminary earing for Dec 6 for Nail Isik, 33, ho told officials he works as a

eller in Kalispell. Isik, who was released on his own recognizance, is charged with snuggling undeclared diamonds into the United States from Canada (AP)

-MIAMI BEACH, Florida: A wealthy Saudi prince has rescued 25 stray cats from animal shelters and brought them home to his \$3.2

nillion mansion to be pampered and primped by private attendants.

Prince Mohammed Al Fassi decided to take in the strays upon learning that humane groups kill the

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£1.5m libel award

Historian Nikolai Tolstoy outside the High Court in London after losing a libel trial against Lord Aldington, whom he accused of war crimes. Aldington won £1.5m in damages. (Reuter wirephoto)

animals if owners are not found, said his personal adviser, Victor

Talaat said the prince expects to take in as many as 60 cats from around the country. On Tuesday, the aide picked up 25 cats from the Dade County Animal Services and the Humane Society. (AP)

WASHINGTON: The Chicago lawyer who investigated the ethics case of former House speaker Jim Wright is rejecting a report that he unfairly lobbied ethics committee members by taking them to

expensive Washington restaurants.
A new book on Wright's tenure as speaker, The Ambition and The Power, contends that Richard J.
Phelan "routinely took committee members out to dinner at some of the most expensive restaurants in Washington" as part of a calculated campaign to win his case. (AP)

NEW YORK: The 1989 National **Book Award for Fiction was** resented Wednesday to John Casey for Sparting, while the nonon award was given to Thomas L. Friedman for From Beirut to Jerusalem, his account of the battle-

scarred Middle East.
Along with the Pulitzer prizes, the
National Book Awards are considered the most prestigious in American literature. 'Spartina" is a study of the ties

that bind Dick Pierce - a fisherman, father and lover - to his wife, his mistress, his sons, his munity and his boat. "From Beirut to Jerusalem" is an account by Friedman, a New York

Times reporter, of the Middle East conflict as seen from the two cities. Also Wednesday night, the second annual national book award for distinguished contribution to American letters was to be ---iel J. Boorstin, recented to Dan

McCartney's hints at a Beatles

reunion, George Harrison says they will never come together. "As far as I'm concerned, there won't be a Beatles reunion as long as John Lennon remains dead," he said in a terse statement released through his record company.

Harrison was reacting to ments by McCartney in which his fellow ex-Beattle said the way may be clear for the long-awaited reunion, particularly in light of the recent settlement of lawsuits involving the group. (Reuter)

Working full time

NY jogger back at job

NEW YORK, Dec 1, (AP): A female investment banker who was raped, beaten and left for dead by several young men in New York's Central Park seven months ago has returned to her job, a source said.

The brutal rape of the 29-year-old woman caused an enormous outery in the United States, in part because some of the suspected rapists reportedly smiled and laughed as they told police about the

The woman has undergone physical and emotional rehabilitation since her April ordeal, and her recovery has been extensively chronicised in the American Press. She returned to fulltime work Monday at Salomon Brothers, a major investment banking concern, said a court source who spoke only on the condition of anonymity.

The woman's name has not been published because of the nature of the crime. A spokeswoman at Solomon Brothers declined to

nent on the report. The woman was discovered near death April 19 in a wooded area of the huge park in Central Manhattan. According to authorities, she was attacked by a gang youths while jogging through the park and was dragged into the woods.

LOS ANGELES: A bomb squad on Wednesday blew up a suitcase after X-rays detected what appeared to be explosives inside, but examination of the demolished contents revealed it was only a video

game, poince said.
"It wasn't an explosive device. It was a Nintendo game," said police Lieut Helen Kidder.

The US customs service at Los Angeles International Airport detected what appeared to be sticks of dynamite, wiring and a clock side a large, heavy suitcase destined for an Avianca Airlines jetliner headed for Colombia. (AP)

SEATTLE: A University of Washington student pleaded innocent on Wednesday to federal charges he was one of seven people who set a US flag on fire last month to protest a new law banning its

desecretion. However, Mark John Haggerty 23, of Seattle, took advantage of his arraignment in US district court to read what he called a "Marxist statement" of protest against the law that took effect on Oct 28.

Saying the US flag "in reality only represents the rich" and major corporations such as Boeing Co., Haggerty said, "my only regret is I didn't wear ski mask" the night of the flag burning protest. (UPI)

MONROE, Connecticut: Evergreen trees in town parks have been sprayed with a stinky substance to keep Christmas tree thieves from cutting them down and hauling; at them home to decorate, officials said on Wednesday.

The harmless chemical cannot be smelled outdoors, but gives off a strong, sickening odour when brought inside and warmed, especially when lights are strung on the stolen Christmas tree, said Park

Ranger Dave Solek. Jean Cochran, a spoke for the Connecticut agricultural experiment station in New Haven, said the chemical smelled like rotten eggs. (UPI)

AMSTERDAM: Amsterdam police have recovered stolen lithographs by the late US pop artist Andy Warhol worth more than \$1 million a police spokesman said on

Wednesday.
The 81 works were stolen from a West German gallery near Bonn in September last year.
Police arrested a 35-year-old

Dutch dealer and two buyers on Tuesday night after a trp-off the dealer was selling some of the works in a local hotel. They recovered 14 lithographs. (Reuter)

PISA, Italy: Local authorities on Thursday disputed the governments's plan to close Pisa's famed Leaning Tower for restoration work.

Geophysical experts claimed that the monument does not face any immediate danger while tourist operators voiced concern about a likely drop in the number of visitors. (AP)

PARIS: Former French hostage Jean-Paul Kauffman on Wednesday won the Relais Gourmand literary prize for a book of essays on wine. Le Bordeaux Retros (rediscovering Bordeaux) was dedicated to Michel Seurat, the French scientist held hostage with Kauffmann and who died in captivity.

He's got it

Gas death for killer

SANTA ANA, Calif, Dec 1. (Reuter): A computer expert, Randy Kraft, has been sentenced to die in the gas chamber for the torture-murders of 16 men.

"If any one ever deserved the death penalty, he's got it coming," superior court judge Donald McCarrin said before passing sentence. "I didn't see any remorse, any feeling or any

regret."
Kraft, 44, a consultant who had been described by colleagues as a computer genius, trapped his thumbs but showed no emotion as the judge passed sentence and betrayed him for his crimes. His sentence is subject to

automatic appeal.
The jury of 10 women and two men had earlier recommended the death penalty for Kraft after hearing evidence many of his victims were drugged, sexually multilated and strangled before being dumped at the entrances to high speed roads or in remote areas of California.



Picasso's 'Les Noces de Pierrette' that failed to break world record (Reuter wirephoto)



Tsurumaki (Reuter wirephoto)

New home for Picasso painting

TOKYO, Dec I, (AP): Pablo Picasso's most expensive masterpiece, 'Les Noces de Pierrette,' sold yesterday in a Paris auction, will have a new home in an auto racing theme resort in the mountains of southern Japan.

Nippon Autopolos Co., which bought the painting for 300 million francs (\$49.8 million) via a satellite hookup from Tokyo, said it plans a museum in its resort with the Picasso as its cen-

Autopolis, jointly owned by such Japanese powerhouses as electronics firm NEC Corp, Sap-poro Breweries and construction firm Hazama-

Gumu Ltd, is building a \$500 million resort centred on the "high-grade culture" of the auto racing circuit, it said in a statement issued after the auc-

"We felt we absolutely must have the real thing, a real masterpiece like this for our museum," said Takeshi Inaba, senior managing director of Nip-pon Autopolos. "We're very happy to have bought

the painting."

The Tokyo hall where the bidding by satellite was conducted was hushed as bidding for the painting, a group portrait from Picasso's blue period, slowed near 300 million francs (\$49.8 million) as the gavel

auction burst into applause. Autopolis seemed well prepared for its purchase. An official of Fujisankei Communications Group, which organised the Tokyo end of the auction, read a statement issued by the company just after the auction ended. Autopolis "coincidentally."

The company's president, Tomonori Tsurumaki, did not comment on the purchase. But Inaba said autopolis had settled on the Preasso after learning several months ago from newspaper reports that the painting would be auctioned in Paris.



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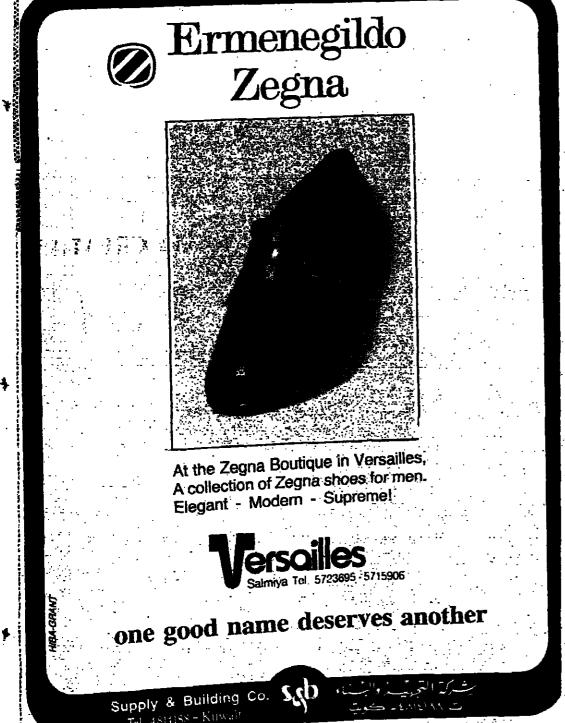
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No-smoke cigarette

A Japanese company has developed a product it hopes will come as good news to smokers hemmed in by the expanding anti-smoking drive.

A major Japanese time-piece maker said on Thursday it will market in Japan starting Dec 12 a smokeless cigarette, claimed to be the first of its kind in the

Ex-smoker Masayuki Tatsuta tries a smoke-free cigarette in the picture above. (Reuter wirephoto)



Archbishop Tutu (right) caps veteran ANC leader Govan Mbeki at a graduation ceremony. (Reuter wirephoto)

Ex-cop held for killings

Private death squad tip

(AP): A former police sergeant has been arrested in connection with the assassinations of two prominent white activists, one in South Africa and one in Namibia, police headquarters said yesterday.

Meanwhile, police used tear gas and clubs against protesting black workers, injuring scores and arresting 200. Police declined to identify the

suspect in the assassinations. saying they confirmed the arrest only after newspapers reported it. An official statement said further arrests in the two cases were possible.

"It is believed (police) are looking at the possible existence of a private assassination squad with strong right-wing links," state-run television reported last

The arrest coincides with a government investigation into allegations by former policemen that police death squads, acting

on orders from superiors, killed numerous dissident. State-run television said that since the suspect's detention several weeks ago, police investigators had come to believe

there may be a clandestine group operating in South Africa which planned political assassinations. narcotics investigator, was arres-

The suspect, 31, a white former ted in connection with the kill-ings of David Webster, a university lecturer and human rights activist in Johannesburg, and Anton Lubowski, a lawyer who

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JOHANNESBURG, Dec 1, was - the only senior white official of Namibia's main independence movement, the South-West Africa People's Organisation (Swapo).

Both men were shot dead outside their homes — Webster on May 1 in Johannesburg and Lub-owski on Sept 12 in Windhoek, Namibia.

The Star, a liberal Johannesburg daily, said the suspect's father — reportedly a police colonel — had filed an application demanding the suspect's release from a Johannesburg police station cell, but later with-

drew the request. The suspect has not been charged and is being held for questioning under security legislation that allows for indefinite deten-

Police headquarters said the suspect was discharged from the police force in 1984 after being sentenced to prison on charges of murder and theft. He was convicted of killing a suspect in one of his investigations as narcotics officer for the West Rand.

The national police force has come under fire for its failure to solve the Webster murder and dozens of other killings of activists over the past 10 years.

An Irish national, Donald Acheson, 51, has been held by South-West African police since he was arrested in Namibia the day after Lubowski's murder. He had been held as an illegal immigrant, but on Nov 6 was told he would be charged with Lubowski's murder.

leave Salvador SAN SALVADOR, Dec 1, (UPI): Even though at least 240 US citizens have been airlifted from El Salvador amid a fierce urban offensive by leftist rebels, officials insisted the exodus was

240 US

citizens

not a Victnam-style "evacua-The rebel Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front called a six-hour ceasefire yesterday to facilitate the evacuation of the foreigners from the exclusive neighbourhoods of Escalon and San Benito, where many US

The last of several US officials who were trapped by the fighting were evacuated from their homes last morning and a US government-chartered plane left for Washington carrying 243 people, US embassy spokesman Jefferson Brown said.

Brown played down the sig-mificance of the American exodus, saying no one was ordered to leave and dismissing comparisons with the April 30, 1975, evacuation of Americans from the besieged US embassy in South Vietnam.

"This is not an evacuation," Brown said. "No one had to leave based on government or embassy policy. This is no Saigon. No one is being evacuated from the rooftops by helicopter," Brown added. Several Western diplomats speculated the rebel attack was

not meant to barm Americans but only scare them out of the country. Brown said armed rebels had raided an American official's home. "(The rebels) blew his door

he said Another official's house was partially burned in the fighting, but the official and his family escaped unharmed.

down and entered aggressively,"

Many of the Americans said guerrillas ransacked and damaged their homes but said they were not mistreated.

US embs Jacobs said at least 300 Americans left El Salvador yesterday, most aboard the US-char-

tered planes but some on commer-cial flights.

The US action came a day after leftist guerrillas renewed their attack on the capital following a five-day lull in fighting. The pre-dawn battles Wednesday were the fiercest in the capital since the FMLN initially launched its

offensive on Nov 11. The conflict also flared at UN headquarters in New York, where diplomats from El Salvador and Nicaragua clashed in an emergency Security Council session over Managua's alleged gun-running to the Salvadoran rebels.

The Salvadoran Army last week discovered a crashed aircraft that it said was carrying Soviet-made anti-aircraft rockets to FMLN guerrillas. President Alfredo Cristiani suspended Salvadoran relations with Managna because of the incident.

Salvadoran rebel leaders said in Mexico City they had acquired surface-to-air missiles and threatened to employ them unless air force planes ceased bombarding, rocketing and machine gun-

ning guerrilla positions.
Use of the sophisticated surface-to-air missiles by the guerrillus could drastically alter the balance of the wary as the government has enjoyed unchallenged control of the skies, relying beavily on belicopters and

airpianes to hattle the rebels. The Paris newspaper Le Monde said Niceraguan and Cuban officials had agreed to halt shipments of weapons to the Salvadoran rebels following a meeting with Soviet diplomats in

The meeting apparently was held at the request of the Soviets, Le Monde said. The United States, on the eve of a sammit between Presidents Bush and Gorbachev, has sharply criticised Moscow's role in arming the FMLN rebels.

Electromagnet link to cancer

scientist says there is statistical evidence of a possible link between cancer and exposure to stromagnetic fields that radiate from elec-

electromagnetic neits that radiate from erea-tricity cables and wires.

The unpublished findings by Dr Genevieve Maranoski, an epidemiology professor at Johns Hopkins University, run against the grain of traditional scientific theory about the pos-sibility of health dangers from power distribu-

Her conclusions fit an emerging pattern of evidence, however, that the possibility of health risks can no longer be ruled out.

"This is consistent with my judgment ... that we'll end up seeing electric and magnetic fields are cancer promoters of some kind," said Indira Nair, a physicist at Carnegie Mellon University and co-author of a recent comprehensive back-ground paper on the issue for the federal office

Ms. Matanoski said in a relephone interview that her findings were preliminary and require further testing, but that the results changed her view of the still unproven theory about a cancer

link to power lines.
"I thought before that the theory was wrong," shesaid. "I'm not so sure any more. I'm swayed to think it's more likely than before." A major conclusion from her study of 50,000

New York state tel be an increased risk of leukemia among active workers. Incidence rates for almost all types of cancer are highest among linemen, whose exposure to electromagnetic fields is the highest

in the telephone worker group, the study found.

Ms. Matanoski also found exceptionally high rates of breast cancer among male technicians who work on central office telephone switching



Right: Two members of the Salvadoran Army take away the body of one of the five soldiers killed when their armoured vehicle was ambushed by FMLN. (Reuter wirephoto)

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hood of the capital city San Salvador, experiencing combat between FMLN and government forces, carries a little girl to safety on Nov 29.

America

CIA withheld document: The US Cen-CIA WITHHEID GOCUMENT: The US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has had in its possession since its creation 42 years ago a document that could have kept Kurt Waldheim from ever being named United Nations Secretary General, a leading Jewish group said.

The group, the World Jewish Congress (WJC), released a copy of the document. The CIA withheid immediate comment but a US government source independently confirmed its authenticity.

source independently confirmed its authenticity.

The document is a report of a British Army interrogation of a captured German soldier, who named Waldheim as a German army intelligence officer in the Balkans, a background fact about the current Austrian President that was kept secret until 1986 when it sparked international controversy. (Reuter)

Dying solar Max descends: Dying Nasa satellite Solar Max descended to its destiny today - a fiery collision with Earth's atmosphere while military space trackers attempted to determine where the falling probe will break

Latest estimates by the North American Aerospace Defence Command put the re-entry time around 10.45 pm EST (0345 GMT tomorrow) — "plus or minus six hours," a Norad spokesman said from Colorado Springs, Colo. The National Aeronautics and Space Adminis-

tration said it appeared likely the 5,000-pound (2,300 kg) robotic solar observatory, which was reported at an altitude of 120 miles (200 km) yesterday, would disintegrate over water somewhere between 28 degrees north and 28 degrees south of the equator. (UPI)

Congress asked to investigate: The American Civil Liberties Union asked Congress to investigate Attorney General Dick Thornbur-

to investigate Attorney General Dick I nornour-gh's decision leading to dismissal of the Iran-Contra case against a former CIA station chief. There is a "strong possibility" Thornburgh's action regarding Joseph Fernandez stemmed in part from the CIA's desire "to cover up its involvement in the UIA's desire to cover up its involvement in the Iran-Contra affair," Morton Halperin, director of the ACLU's Washington office, said in a statement.

A week ago. Thornburgh filed an affidavit blocking disclosure of classified information

relating to the location of the three CIA facilities in Central America and details of three agency programmes in Costa Rica. Thornburgh was acting on behalf of US intelligence agencies. (AP)

Skyscraper rises to new heights: In keeping with the city's heritage as birthplace of the skyscraper, officials have approved construction of a 125-storey tower that would rise 15 stories above the world's tallest building, the Sears Tower.

Sears Tower.

The slender, art deco-style skyscraper was approved yesterday by the city plan commission and must go before city council for consideration.

The building, informally dubbed the "Chicago spire," is the brainchild of Chicago developers Lee Miglin and J. Paul Beitler. They hope to begin construction in mid-1990 and complete the tower within three years. (UPI)

Therapy cure for hepatitis C: Interferon, a natural human protein, is the first treat-ment to stop the destructive course of hepatitis C, virus that infects many through blood transfusions, researchers report.

At least 150,000 US citizens a year get hepatitis

C, but worldwide figures were unavailable.
Therapy with Alpha Interferon, which the body produces to light disease, temporarily shut down the virus's attack on the liver, although it often flared up when the treatment ended. (AP)

Uneasycalm

Comoros on alert

MORONI, Dec !, (Reuter): Mercenary-led presidential guards in the Comoro Islands prepared today for possible resistance to their takeover of the government following the killing of President Ahmed Abdallah. An uneasy calm reigned on the islands as soldiers of the 500-strong presidential guard, which has disarmed the regular army, filled sandbags on Itsandra Beach near the capital, have a property of the

Other soldiers piled sandbags into defen-sive positions behind the Finance Ministry, where half a dozen trucks carrying machine guns and anti-tank guns were parked.

Abdallah was shot dead in mysteri circumstances in the presidential palace on Sunday night and said Mohamed Djohar, president of the supreme court, has officially been acting president since then.



Concrete proof

An aide helps El Salvador's Ambassador to the United Nations, Ricardo Castaneda Cornejo. show the United Nations Security Council a Sam 7 missile El Salvador says was on a plane with arms for the FMLN that crashed in that country. (Reuter



Di attends Marie premiere

The Princess of Wales chats with Meg Ryan, star of the film, 'When Harry Met Sally' prior to the Marie's premiere at London's Odeon Theatre in Leicester Square on Nov 30. The premiere was held in aid of people with drink, drug and mental health problems. (Reuter wirephoto)

Africa

De Klerk for reforms: A prominent South African black leader held two hours of talks with President F.W. de Klerk on Thursday and said he believed the President was serious about reforming apartheid.

"I am very much encouraged by the direct styly of the state President ... he tries to get to the heart of the matter, whether we agree or disagree," Mangosuthu Buthelezi, chief minister of the Kwazulu tribal homeland, told a news con-

De Klerk, who has met several leading antimartheid activists in the two months since becoming President, has said he wants to negotiate with black leaders with a view to giving the voteless majority a say in central government

NI' loses ground: The ruling white National Party (NP) has won South Africa's first two parliamentary by-elections since F.W. de Klerk became president, but with heavily reduced

Analysts said the by-elections in Cape province showed a high abstention rate by NP voters and a
12 per cent swing from the NP to the white
supremacist Conservative Party (CP), which
seeks to reimpose hardline apartheid.
The NP won the Vasco and Ceres seats by

comfortable margins in a white parliamentary election on September 6, before De Klerk became president and began to reform apartheid. (Reuter)

Latin America

Savannahisation inevitable: Half of the Amazon rainforest could be a savannah in 50 years if the current rate of devastation persists. according to a study conducted with an advanced

US space agency computer.
About 15,000 square miles (35,000 sq km) of rainforest are destroyed each year — the equivalent of a football field every five seconds to make room for cattle grazing or agriculture. So far about 10 per cent of the forest has disap-

Meteorologist Carlos Nobre said the results of a 15-month study using Nasa's Cyber 205 super-computer indicated the "savannahisation" of the Brazilian rainforest would be inevitable unless the pace of destruction was slowed. (Reuter)

UN peacekeepers to arrive: The first wave of a 625-memberling will arrive in Central America this weekend, a senior UN official said. Alvaro de Soto, the secretary-general's per-sonal representative for Central America, said the first 30 military observers, along with support staff, will set up their headquarters in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.
The UN military observers, led by Spanish

Maj. Gen. Agustin Quesada Gomez, also plan to establish offices immediately in the capital cities of Nicaragua. Costa Rica, El Salvador and Guatemala. (AP)

Bush to ban: President George Bush, seeking to financially squeeze Panama's Manuel Noriega and his "puppet regime," banned Panamanian flag vessels from US ports, effective Feb 1, 1990. flag vessels from US ports, effective Feb I, 1990.
White House Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater said, This ban is consistent with international. efforts to further isolate the Noriega regime," which this spring nullified a national election that

it appeared to lose in a landslide.
The action includes all ships registered in Panama, including many with American owners. About 14 per cent of the world's merchant ships are registered in Panama, partly because of relatively low costs. (UPI)

KGB more active now

WASHINGTON, Dec 1, (UPI): CIA director William Webster said the Soviet KGB is "moreaggressive" under Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and is making a bigger effort to "recruit our embassy and intelligence personnel" as spes.
Webstermade the remarks at a
National Press Club luncheon
when asked if Soviet intelligence efforts had declined since Gorbachev assumed power and implemented a series of econ-

omic and social reforms. "We believe just the reverse is taking place," Webster said. "Around the world our stations are reporting more aggressive action, a more robust intelligence-collection effort, more efforts to recruit our embassy and intelligence personnel than we have seen in a long

"They're less confrontational in that they avoid doing flat-footed things... but the activity is

there," Webster said.
Much of the KGB's intelligence efforts are anned at obtaining high-technology information through clandestine means, he said Webster said other intelligence

chiefs from around the world have reported "exactly the same experience and same con-The CIA chief, however, said

the KGB does appear to be "minimising" its domestic role and Gorbachev presses for a more open society. He also said it is "much too

early to tell" whether the dramatic movement toward democratic reform in Eastern Europe will adversely affect KGB intelligence. Nonetheless, Webster said, "I

can think of one instance ... where a prominent defector from the United States was finally thrown out or expelled from (Eastern) bloc country that had been providing him comfort and sancmary.

Declining to name the defector Guiereopoury, headded "that would have been contrary to the wishes of the KGB".

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signed legislation yesterday to make the CIA's inspector-general independent of the

intelligence agency.
Bush said he is concerned that the measure "could impair the ability of the CIA to collect vitally needed intelligence ... by creating the perception that confidentiality cannot be guaran-

The president said, however. that he declined to sign the bill into law because it contains three provisions "enabling me and the director of the CIA to minimise the harm."

Arms jet crashes

WASHINGTON, Dec 1, (Reuter): An aircraft that crashed in Angola on Monday was carrying military supplies for the US-backed guerrillas, the Washington Post newspaper reported yesterday.
The Post, quoting US officials,

said the crash occurred as the CIA cargo plane, a four-engine L-100 reached near Jamba in southeastern Angola, headquar-ters of rebels fighting the Marxist government. The crash was caused by either

pilot error or mechanical difficulties rather than being shot down by the Angolan Army, which has no presence in the area, the newspaper said.
It said the flight was en route

from the Kamina air base in southern Zaire, a hub for the covert CIA operation to arm the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita) led by Jonas Savimbi.

A Central Intelligence Agency spokesman, Mark Anding gave no details and said the department would have no comment on reports of a CIA connection.

Medellin drug cartel's 'kingpin' extradited to United States

WASHINGTON, Dec 1, (UPI): Colombia turned over a reputed 'kingpin' in the Medellin cocaine cartel and he was extradited to the United States to stand trial on drug charges, the

Justice Department said yesterday.

Jorge Mario de la Cuesta was indicted in February in a massive cocaine importation case, along with four other accused leaders of the Medellin cartel, the Justice Department

Cuesta is accused in a federal drug indictment

of participating in a conspiracy that resulted in

the smuggling of more than 16 tons of cocaine into the United States.

special team of United States marshals at 7 am Bogota. The Justice Department said De la Cuesta was placed aboard a jet and flown to De la Cuesta arrived in Florida at 12.10 pm and appeared later before US magistrate Harvey Schlesinger, who ordered a bond hear-

Colombian authorities turned him over to a

Prosecutors want De la Cuesta held pending trial. The hearing was continued to allow the Colombian suspect to confer with his lawyer, Neal Betancourt of Jacksonville. De la Cuesta's trial was scheduled for Feb 5, 1990.

The Justice Department said De la Cuesta is the ninth person extradited from Colombia to the United States since the President of Colombia, Virgilio Barco, began a major anti-drug offensive in August after the assassination of a leading presidential candidate.

According to the indictment, returned in Jacksonville on Feb 24, De la Cuesta piloted or was aboard aircraft that flew more than 9,500 pounds of cocaine from Colombia to the Bahamas.

According to the De la Cuesta indictment, the conspiracy involves five people alleged to be leaders of the often-violent Medellin cocaine

cartel: Carlos Lehder, serving a life prison sentence after being convicted in Jacksonville, Pablo Escobar-Gaviria, Jose Rodriguez-Gacha, Jorge Ochoa-Vasquez, and Fabio Ochoa-Vasquez

All these people, except Lehder, are defendants in the case. The others are accused of being major leaders in the cocaine cartel, but have eluded capture by Colombian authorities.

■ Brazilian police arrested 13 people suspected of running a cocaine network to Europe and the United States and more arrests were expected, police officials said in Rio de Janeiro.



File photo of Jorge Mario de la Cuesta (Reuter wirephoto)

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Watching a heart tick

Masked and gowned, opera star Luciano Pavarotti (centre) watches Dr. Albert Starr (left) implant an artificial heart valve in a patient at St Vincent Hospital in Portland. (Reuter wirephoto)

Dealing in marijuana

American indicted

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec I, (AP): The first American charged under Malaysia's severe drug laws must wait until his next court hearing Dec 28 to learn whether the specific charge will leave him facing a mandatory death penalty if he is convicted.

At a hearing in a magistrate's court yesterdy, Kerry Lane Wiley, 37, a computer programming lecturer from Sacramento, California, still was charged tentatively with trafficking in marijuana, which carries a

The attorney general could amend the charge to possession, punishable by life in prison, after receiving a report from the government chemist on the amount of marijuana seized in the case.

After the Dec 28 hearing, the case is to be referred to the high court. Wiley has been tentatively charged with trafficking in 474.5 grams (16.7 ounces) of marijuana on Nov 4 at a house in Kuala Lumpur. Under Malaysian law, possession of more than 200 grams (7.05 ounces) of marijuana is deemed to amount to trafficking, and actual sale need not be proved in court.

He first appeared in the magistrate's court on Nov 11, but no plea has

At yesterday's hearing, magistrate Maslina Joned rejected an application by Wiley's attorney, Karpal Singh, to permit Wiley to meet privately with him and US embassy officials.

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Mrs Joned also rejected another application for an American psychologist working in Malaysia, Kenneth A. Moselle, to examine Weily. Niran Tan Kran, investigative officer of the customs department, said he had no objection to Karpal's applications, but the magistrate ruled it was an administrative matter and the court could not decide. Karpal told reporters he would present the applications to the high court today.

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Meyer throws challenge to Thatcher

LONDON, Dec I, (AP): Conservative lawmaker Sir Anthony Meyer will be the only challenger to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in an unprecedented contest for leadership of the governing Conservative Party, a party lawmaker said yesterday.

Nominations for 64-year-old Thatcher and 69-year-old Meyer were the only two received when the noon (1200 GMT) deadline passed, said Cranley Onslow, chairman of the 1922 committee of rank-and-file Conservative law-

It is the first challenge to Thatcher's leadership since she swept former prime minister Edward Heath from the helm of the party in 1975. The result of the leadership contest vill be announced on Tuesday.

Conservative Party lawmakers vote annually on their Meyer, a former diplomat, has conceded he is an out-

abstentions to send her a message of disenchantment and possibly lure a major challenger into the race if it goes to a second round of voting.

Thatcher has said she believes the contest will be damaging to the party and to Britain because of the uncertainty it causes. But she said she would not dream of doing anything to stifle any Tory lawmaker's right to challenge for sider with no chance himself of taking the leadership from

Former delence secretary George Younger said yesterday he would act as Thatcher's campaign manager in the

Onslow said in a statement after receiving the two nominations: "It will therefore be necessary to hold an election. A ballot will take place on Tuesday between 10 am and 6 pm. The result of this ballot will be announced as soon as the votes have been counted after the close of the

Deutsche Bank chief killed

W. Germany hunts for Red Army Faction terrorist suspect

BAD HOMBURG, West Germany, Dec 1, (AP): Police are searching nation-wide for one of the most-wanted Red Army Faction terrorist suspects in connection with the bombing death of powerful banker Alfred Herrhausen, authorities said today. Herrhausen, 59, the head of West Germany's largest bank and one of Europe's most influential financiers, was killed when a bomb blew up the Deutsche Bank chief's car yesterday morning in the Frankfurt suburb of Bad Homburg.

The chief federal prosecutor's office said one of two men seen running from the scene matched the description of 31-year-old Christoph Seidler. It said he was the target of a

"nation-wide search" in the Herrhausen killing.

The leftist Red Army Faction claimed responsibility for the bomb attack that ripped Rebmann added that Seidler

also is being sought in a terrorist-backed bank robbery in 1985. In Frankfurt, about 5,000 people took part in a silent march past Deutsche Bank headquarters in memory of Herrhausen. The federal criminal police

offered a reward of up to 4 million marks (\$2.2 million) one of the largest bounties in West German history - for information leading to arrests of the attackers.

Rebmann also said authorities would review the protection of the country's leading officials following yesterday's attack.

The Red Army Faction has a long history of attacks against West German business and political figures, as well as against US military targets.

The group had been little heard of since the 1986 murders of Siemens manager Karl Heinz Beckurts and diplomat Gerold von Braunmuehl, although it was believed to be involved in an unsuccessful attempt on the life of Finance Ministry official Hans Tietmeyer in September

Heinrich Boge, head of the federal criminal investigation's office, said: "There were never any signs that they had given

Herrhausen lived in the spa town-of Bad Homburg, just outside Frankfurt, and was routinely accompanied by a car with bodyguards, daily changing his route to work.

Rebmann's spokesman, Hans-Juergen Foerster, said the bomb was secured to a bicycle placed on the street, and the blast was triggered by the car passing through a beam of light.

The spokesman pointed out that leftist terrorists for years had accused Deutsche Bank of 'repression" and of fuelling the "military-industrial" complex with its world-wide investments. "For a long time, the Deutsche

Bank and Herrhausen in particular have been targeted by the Red Army Faction," Foerster

Herrhausen had been a close friend and adviser to Chancellor Helmut Kohl, often accompanying the chancellor on major

foreign trips.

Kohl, his eyes filled with tears and his voice breaking, condem-ned the "cowardly and brutal apart Herrhausen's armoured Mercedes as he was being driven to work in nearby

Herrhausen's driver survived, but was seriously injured. A Hamburg court in 1981 convicted Seidler of supporting the Red Army Faction. Seidler has been a fugitive for several years. His name routinely appears on a wanted poster of two dozen leftist terrorists that is displayed in West German post offices and other

public places, said prosecutor's spokesman Hans-Juergen Foerster.

The 31-year-old Seidler has been involved with the Red Army Faction for at least a decade, said the statement from the office of chief federal prosecutor Kurt Rebmann.



The Red Army Faction has gained notoriety as one of Europe's deadliest leftist terrorist groups in its 21-year "anti-imperialist

The assassination yesterday of Dentsche Bank chairman Alfred Herrhausen was the group's latest claim of responsibility for terror-ist attacks that date to April 1968. Authorities say that about 60 ople, including terrorists, have been killed since the Red Army

Faction began its terrorist cam-

the Bander-Meinhof Gang, named after its founders Andreas Baader and Ulrike Meinhof, and became notorious as a brutal, well-organised group that struck at the heart of West Germany's industrial and economic power by targeting leading managers for

Herrhausen fit the group's profile as head of West Germany's largest bank and one of Chan-cellor Helmat Kohl's closest advisers on economic policy.

In addition to financial and industrial figures, the Red Army Faction has also preyed on US military targets over the years.

Most of the original Red Army
Faction leaders have been killed

by police or have died in prison, and authorities say the group is now believed to consist of a small group of between 20 and 30 mem-

The group changed its name to the Red Army Faction in 1971 and a series of assassinations and

On May 11, 1972, five bombs exploded at the US Army's 5th

corps headquarters in Frankfurt, killing an American office and injuring 13 other people.

In April 1975, Red Army Faction terrorists occupied the West German embassy in Stockholm in an attempt to free imprisoned fellow terrorists. Two diplomats and two terrorists died in an explosion during the siege. The year 1977 is remember

a particularly bloody period, when Red Army Faction attacks shook the foundations of West German

That year, the group assassinated chief state prosecutor Sieg-fried Buback, kidnapped and later killed the head of the Employer's Association, Hanns-Martin Schleyer, and killed Juergen Ponto, head of the Dresdner Bank, one of the county's three

Several hurt

Bomb blast at **Belgian varsity**

BRUSSELS, Dec I, (AP): An explosive device went off at a Brussels University auditorium today, injuring several people, at least three of them seriously, police said. They said the blast occurred

just before 9 am (0800 GMT) as some 50 law students attended a class at the auditorium at the University Libre de Bruxelles, the French-speaking university in the Belgian capital.

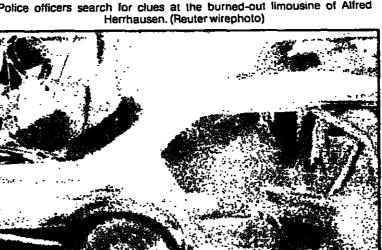
Officials said at least three people were seriously injured and

hospitalised.
One report said the explosive device, contained in a bag. was put in the auditorium after classes had begun by an unknown person who left shortly threreaf-

After the explosion, police evacuated the building in which the auditorium is located.



Police officers search for clues at the burned-out limousine of Alfred



The body of Herrhausen is covered by a blanket on the back seat of his limousine. (Reuter wirephoto)



Radicals attack RC bar

BELFAST, Dec 1, (AP): A Protestant extremist organisation has claimed responsibility for a shooting at a Roman Catholic bar in which two men were killed and a third was injured.

Wednesday night, two gunmen sprayed automatic gunfire down the hallway of the Battery bar in Moortown, 30 miles (50 kilometres) west of Belfast, a stronghold of supporters of the mainly Catholic IRA.

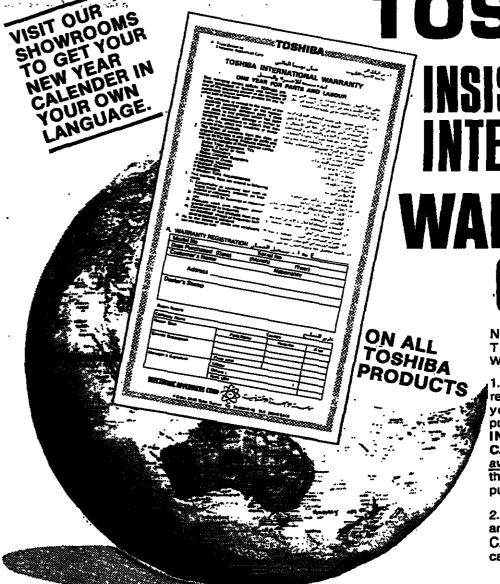
Bar owner Liam Ryan and customer Michael Devlin, 33. were killed. A third man, who was not identified, was shot five times in both legs and was reported in stable condition at a Belfast hospital.

The Ulster Volunteer Force said yesterday its Mid-Ulster unit carried out the attack and Ryan was one of the "intended" victims. No reference was made to Devlin who, his wife said, was visiting the bar for the first time for a darts match.

In its claim, made to Ulster television, the outlawed Protestant paramilitary group claimed Ryan's bar was used as an IRA base "to launch attacks against the Protestant community' including the killings of three Protestants shot dead by the IRA at the nearby village of Coagh.

In the attack last March, Leslie Dallas, 39, Earnest Rankin, 72, and Austin Nelson, 62, were killed in a garage by IRA gun-

The IRA claimed the garage was used by Protestant paramilitaries to plan attacks on Catholics, but none of the three men killed had links with Protestant paramilitaries.



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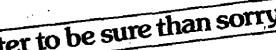
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Troop cuts in Europe likely

WASHINGTON, Dec 1, (UPI): Defence Secretary Dick Cheney met with military commanders yesterday to discuss deep budget cuts beyond 1991, while the Pentagon declined to confirm or deny a report that one option would slash US forces in Europe

'There are a number of options on the table," Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams said at a briefing. "We're not going to discuss what those are until we make those decisions - and those decisions are down the

Williams said Cheney was meeting with the commanders in chief of the various military commands to discuss possible budget cuts for the "out years," those beyond fiscal 1991.

Cheney has said he is considering \$150 billion to \$180 billion in military budget cuts for 1991-94. Those will be included in the defence secretary's new five-year spending plan, which is to be sent to Congress by April 30.

The Los Angeles Times, in an article published Wednesday from Brussels, where Cheney wound up a two-day meeting with Nato desence ministers, said defence planners are preparing to reduce US troops in Europe to 100,000 or 150,000 over the next several years.

The cuts would be conditional on equal Soviet reductions and strict verification measures to ensure compliance, the newspaper said, citing as the source for its information a "senior US official."

More than 300,000 American troops are currently stationed in Western Europe, meaning such a cut would result in two-thirds of the present US forces in Nato being brought home over the next several years.

Williams was asked if he could give "any kind of direction" to Pentagon reporters as to whether the numbers of 100,000 to 150,000 cited in the Los Angeles Times' article were accurate or

inaccurate. "No, I can't," he replied. Williams said Cheney, in Brussels Tuesday and Wednesday, had reassured Nato allies that, "the United States would not make any changes in its forward '90 or fiscal year '91 as a result of current budget exercises that we

are going through." President George Bush on Wednesday signed, with reserva-tions, a bill authorising \$305 billion for defence programmes for the current fiscal year, including a slash in his request for the Strategic Defence Initiative.

The measure cuts \$1.1 billion from Bush's \$4.9-billion request for spending on the SDI programme, or Star Wars.

■ Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has defended the need for Nato to modernise its conventional and nuclear forces, despite the political changes now taking place in Eastern

MX plan

US will go ahead

WASHINGTON, Dec 1, (AP): The US Defence Department, as President George Bush departs for the Malta summit with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, says it will move ahead with plans making the giant MX nuclear missile a rail-mounted weapon.

The 50 intercontinental ballis-

tic missiles -- which are to be stored at military sites scattered around the country and moved on trains during times of crisis are designed for retaliation against any Soviet attack.

The air force announced that

the 50 missiles in underground the in Wyoming will be moved to "garrisons," or shelters, at military installations in Wyoming, Louisiana, Texas, Washington, North Dakota, Arkansas

The dispersal will allow the weapons to survive a surprise write, the air force argued, as well as provide "the potential for prompt retaliation vital to the successful deterrence of war."

Moscow to guarantee religious freedom'

Gorbachev holds historic meeting with Pope

VATICAN CITY, Dec 1, (AP): Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev pledged in a historic meeting with Pope John Paul II today that Moscow will guarantee religious freedom for all believers and open relations with the Vatican.

He also announced that a papal trip to the

Soviet Union is in the works.

In a major gesture to the Vatican before the meeting, Soviet officials cleared the way for legalising the banned Ukrainian Catholic Church. Authorities in the Ukrainian Republic will

allow members of the church to register with authorities like members of other faiths, the republic's top religious official said today. Capping an extraordinary meeting with a

dramatic addition to his prepared speech, the first Kremlin chief to meet with a pope said, we discussed a future papal visit."

Joaquin Navarro, a Vatican spokesman, said Gorbachev invited the Pope to visit the

Soviet Union and that John Paul thanked him and expressed the hope that developments would allow him to make the trip.

The Pope has frequently expressed his desire to visit the Soviet Union under certain conditions, but no other details were immediately available on Gorbachev's remark. The Soviet Communist Party is

The Soviet leader also announced that he and John Paul had agreed to establish diplomatic ties between Moscow and the Vatican, broken since the Russian revolution in 1971. The Pope welcomed the meeting — the first

between a Kremlin chief and Roman Catholic pontiff — as a "promise-filled sign for the future" and promised support for Gorbachev's attempt to reform Soviet society.

The Pope referred to the status of the Ukrainian church, banned since the days of dictator Josef Stalin, in his remarks after

In his address after about 70 minutes of private talks, John Paul referred to the "painful trials" that Soviet believers suffered in past

The Pope issued a strong call for religious freedom for all believers, including a reference to the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

He also said the Holy See was following with interest Gorbachev's efforts to renew

society and promised support for "every initiative" to protect the rights of people and

John Paul spoke first, beginning in Russian and switching to Italian, and Gorbachev res-ponded to the Pope's concerns in his brief

The Soviet leader also said the Vatican and Moscow had reached agreement in principle to give "official status to our interstate relations" with the details to be worked out by



The Pope holds a historic meeting with Gorbachev in the Vatican. (Reuter wirephoto)

US wants dynamic Gorby's

Soviet sailors clean the deck of the guided missile cruiser Slava as the USS cruiser Belknap lies anchored behind it in Marsaxlokk bay in Malta. (Reuter wirephoto)

Armenia defies Moscow ruling

Karabakh united

MOSCOW, Dec I, (Reuter): The Armenian Parliament voted today to unite with Nagorno-Karabakh and denounced a Moscow ruling to hand back control of the disputed territory to the neighbouring Republic of

Azerbaijan. A journalist at Armenia's Armenpress news agency told Reuters by telephone from Yerevan that the republic's Supreme Soviet had voted to unite with the territory, whose population is mainly made up of

More than 120 people have died in the past two years in fight-ing over the region, which was run by Azerbaijan from 1923 until it was placed under Moscow's direct control last January.

"The declaration says that we are now one republic," a journalist from Armenian television told

The vote was the most extreme act of defiance by Armenia since the crisis started nearly two years ago when the territory's leaders requested union with Armenia, saying their culture was being repressed by the Azerbaijani government.

On Wednesday at least two people died in clashes which followed the passing by the national parliament in Moscow on Tuesday of measures which place Nagorno-Karabakh largely under Azerbaijani control after a year of direct rule from Moscow.

"The parliament ... does not accept the resolution, considering it unconstitutional, against the spirit of perestroika and contradicting the principle of selfdetermination of nations," said the television journalists.
Azerbaijani activists halted rail traffic into Armenia for more than a month in September in an attempt to force the republic to drop its claims to Nagorno-Karabakh.

Meanwhile, a strike by Azerbaijanis shut down the capital of Baku amid renewed violence over the enclave that left two people dead.

Muslim Azerbaijanis and Christian Armenians reacted angrily to a Soviet parliament compromise decree intended to stabilise Nagorno-Karabakh.

Stepan Pogasian, a correspondent for Armenpress in the capital of Yerevan, said 230 Armenian lawmakers were joined by 53 members of the Nagorno-Karabakh national council, a self-proclaimed legislative body of Armenians from the disputed enclave distinct from its representatives in the Azerbaijani parliament.

"This is an action of protest against the decision of the (national) Supreme Soviet," Pogasian told United Press International by phone from

Yerevan. An aide to Zori Balayan, a member of both the Armenian legislature and the Soviet parliament, confirmed the republican lawmakers' action.

Pogasian said about 50,000 people surrounded the Armenian legislature building during the session and erupted into cheers when news of the vote claiming Nagorno-Karabakh was announced.

reforms to succeed: Bush American President arrives for superpower summit

MARSAXI.OKK BAY, Malta, Dec 1, (Agencies): US President George Bush arrived today for his shipboard summit with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev against a backdrop of continuing dramatic changes in Eastern Europe and a coup attempt in the

Gorbachev held an unprecedented meeting with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican and afterward promised freedom of religion for Soviets "to satisfy their spiritual needs." Before the weekend summit on US and Soviet warships anchored offshore, Bush ordered US military support for Philippines President Corazon Aquino's government. US Secretary of State James Baker described the coup attempt as "serious In a speech to US sailors aboard the aircraft carrier USS Forrestal, Bush praised

En route to Malta, Bush ordered US warplanes to provide air support for the Aquino government against military insurgents who bombed the presidential palace in Manila.

"It is fair to say that the situa-tion is serious," Baker said. "We are hopeful the matter will be contained," the President

US officials said F-4 jet fighters were circling two air bases controlled by rebel forces at Villamor and Sangley Point, but that US troops were not involved. A Soviet spokesman in Malta denounced any US involvement as "interference in internal developments.

Gorbachev flies to Malta later today after meeting with Italian Premier Giulio Andreotti and business leaders in Milan, Italy.

Preceding Gorbachev to Malta, Soviet spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said it was unlikely the summit leaders could do anything to resolve the conflict in Central America. where the United States say Soviet arms are continuing to flow to leftist guerrillas.

"We are not helping anybody there," Gerasimov said. "It's very dangerous to infuse greatpower rivalry into this conflict. which we think must be settled by political means."

Before departing yesterday, Bush said the people of Europe can see that "Mr Gorbachev and I — East and West — are not in some kind of competition. Rather, we're both working to make the world a more peaceful

Gorbachev declared yesterday there was no turning back from the democratic reforms sweeping through the Eastern bloc.

The Soviet leader said the United States, Canada and European nations should hold a "Helsinki 2" meeting earlier than the 1992 date set under the 1975 Helsinki accords on human

rights and security in Europe.

Bush, asked by reporters aboard his official airplane about Gorbachev's proposal, said: "I'll talk to him. Any ideas he's got, I'll discuss them with him. Then we'll let you know."

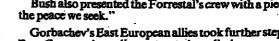
in his speech aboard the Forrestal, Bush mentioned "these recent and extraordinary changes that are taking place in Eastern Europe," and said he yearned for a future "free of both tyranny and fear.

"A new freedom is sweeping the globe. Our meeting here off Malta will last a few days, but the freedom we seek will last for gen-

Malta's entire 1,200-man army was mobilized to assist in ensuring security for the superpower leaders. Soviet, American and Maltese flags fluttered side by side throughout the capital

The US and Soviet warships

in Eastern Europe, the 11 I-2 hours of talks between Bush and Gorbachev are likely to deal with negotiations to cut nuclear arms and conventional forces, trade issues and regional disputes -



Soviet leader's reform programme to succeed.

Bush also presented the Forrestal's crew with a piece of the Berlin Wall as "a symbol of state of the Berlin Wall as "a symbol of symbol of state of the Berlin Wall as "a symbol of sym

Gorbachev's East European allies took further steps toward democratic reform today. East Germany's parliament voted to eliminate constitutional guarantees of the Com-in munist Party's leading role in society, following a similar step recently in Cze-

Bush arrived on a rainy, windy day and met with Maltese Prime Minister Edward Fenech Adami before heading to the Forrestal. He then went to the USS Belknap, his '



A workman makes final preparations to the room that will be used by Bush and Gorbachev for the summit aboard the USS Belknap. (Reuter wirephoto)



Italian film star Sophia Loren (right) is introduced to Gorbachev (left) by Italian Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti during an official banquet in Rome. (Reuter wirephoto)



A Maltese aide-de-camp holds an umbrella over the head of Bush as he receives a guard of honour upon arrival (Reuter wirephoto)

Arabs want ME on

Palestinian question on their agenda for the weekend summit. off the Mediterranean island of Malta, league sources reported? yesterday.

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The message from the j League's Council of Ministers, called on President George Bush; and Soviet leader Mikhail Gor-3 bachev to fix a time limit of the: Israeli occupation of the West: Bank and Gaza Strip and allow for Palestinian self-determina-

The superpower leaders were also asked to support the Pales-: tine Liberation Organization's : demand for an international; peace conference on the Middle East under United Nations ausp-

The two-day meeting has been called by the PLO to hammer out ; a common Arab position on US; Secretary of State James Baker? III's five-point plan to open an: Israeli-Palestinian dialogue.

It was unclear whether such common ground had been? found, but the appeal to both? superpowers for fresh action in the peace process appeared to have gone further than PLO chairman Yasser Arafat originally requested.

The ministers also welcomed French President Francois Mitterrand's invitation to hold a ministerial Arab-European' dialogue Dec 22 in Paris, League

sources said. The communique issued at the end of the meeting called on the League's 22 members "to mobil-; ise Arab energies in all areas to bring about a balanced global

strategy."
The council also decided to reactivate a committee created in January 1988 to sensitise world public opinion to the Palestinian. struggle to regain control of the occupied territories.

The council reiterated the right of all countries in the region to live in peace and security.

Arafat and League Secretary-General Chedli Klibi also attended the meeting, originally scheduled for Sunday but canceled due to lack of a quorum.

The Baker proposals envision an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue in Cairo as a prelude to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's plan to hold elections in the occupied territories.

Libya and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) criticised the United States and the Soviet Union yesterday for holding their superpower summit aboard warships in the.

US Congress members get pay raise

WASHINGTON, Dec 1, (AP): US President George Bush has signed legislation giving a big pay raise to members of both houses of Congress and senior government executives and adopting new

Bush said in a statement yesterday that the Ethics

Reform Act of 1989 "contains important reforms that strengthen federal ethical standards" and generally hews to the principles he spelled out soon after The legislation will raise top government salaries

by up to 35 per cent over the next 13 months, with

House of Representatives salaries jumping from the current \$89,500 to \$96,600 in 1990 and more than \$120,000 in 1991, plus a cost-of-living adjustment. But by then the 435 members of the House, the lower chamber, will be barred from accepting honoraria. generally fees for making speeches.

Senate salaries would climb in 1990 from \$89,500 to \$98,400. But senators balked at giving up their honoraria. The new law would not bar speaking fees for senators, but they also would not get the big jump in salaries in 1991 that the House gets.

where two days of summit talks will begin tomorrow were anchored offshore, visible from the cliff's overlooking the bay. The ships are the Belknap and the Slava. Besides the whirlwind change

noted in history books. 2, meeting." he said. "We could consider advancing its date from 1992, to say, as early as 1990,"

Call for Helsinki-2 Gorby wants conference in 1990

ROME, Dec 1, (Agencies): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev called yesterday to advance a Helsinki-2 conference by two years to cap the historic changes of 1989 in Eastern Europe and begin the next stage of European co-operation. In the only public speech of his three-day state

visit to Italy, Gorbachev also forecast that this weekend's summit with President Bush will enable the two superpowers "to take a constructive step in the movement from mutual understanding to mutual action in Soviet-US relations." He also forecast that in 1990 at the conclusion of Armed Forces reduction talks in Vienna, all

European countries, the United States and Canada will sign a historic document which will begin a new countdown in the area of military policy."

But mostly the Soviet President concentrated onwhat has been achieved in letting East European

nations such as Hungary and Poland chose their own path even shucking off the one-party rule in which they were encased since the end of World War "We are meeting as 1989 is drawing to a close," Gorbachev said in the Julius Caesar hall in the

Campidoglio City Hall. "I think it will be no exaggeration to say that this has been an extraordinary and very significant year, and it will probably be so "I believe that this year's events underscore the desirability of an all-European summit, a Helsinki-

The Helsinki final act that was signed by 35 nations in the Finnish capital in 1975 began the process of European co-operation and security, in

which all the sides recognised the current borders in Europe while pledging to observe human rights such as following the freeflow of information and people across borders. Gorbachev has said that the new emigration and freedom of press legislation being prepared by the Supreme Soviet has completed its first stage and he

said in his Rome speech the time to move to the next

stage is at hand. It might be useful to hold a meeting of the experts of the 35 countries (who signed Helsinki !) to discuss the legal aspects of the European process as part of the preparations for the Helsinki-2 Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) meet-

Gorbachev, who was cheered by Roman crowds in his brief 10-minute walkout near the colosseum Thursday almost as a liberator, counseled against any gloating or exploitation by some in the West at this sensitive moment in history marked by such turning points as the breach in of the Berlin Wall to let East Germans move freely.

"Clumsy behaviour or provocative statements must not be allowed to endanger the advent of this truly historic change," he said. "Any attempts to extract selfish benefits from these events, to use what is happening for one's own gain, to tilt the events solely to one's own advantage are fraught with

In a mea culpa indicating the depth of the changes that led up to his new thinking, Gorbachev said the world should not be fulled by ideas that the Soviets are again mouthing slogans about respect for diver-



Wings of GDR reds clipped

FAST BERLIN, Dec 1, (AP): The communist-dominated Parliament voted overwhelmingly today to strike the Commun-ist Party's designated "leading role" from East Germany's constitution, meeting a major demand of pro-democracy activ-

In a show of hands, the 500member People's Chamber gave unanimous "yes" votes on abolishing the communists' guarantee of leadership, but five deputies

After the balloting, the law-makers broke into a loud round

East German leaders had named a committee to consider revising the constitution, but the surprise decision to tackle the issue of communist domination at today's session likely was spurred by the swift pace of reform in neighbouring Czechoslovakia.

Czechoslovakia's parliament voted unanimously on Wednesday to remove from their constitution a similar designation of the communists as the leading force in society.

The East German vote came without warning or debate.

Parliamentary Speaker Guenther Maleuda announced at the delayed start of the session which was to have considered a new travel law -- that all parties represented in the people's chamber had agreed to propose the constitutional change as their first order of business.

Deputies haggled over a procedural point for several minutes, with some noting that there was widespread support in the chamber for a quick vote on the proposal, viewed as a first step to political reform.

Guenter Hartmann, head of the National Democratic Party that is aligned with the communists, told East German television just before today's session opened that all parties represented in parliament were agreed on the need to strip the communists of their assured guiding role.

This kind of change would be a good opening to the raced to move East Germany towards democratic government.

The vote removed from article I of the constitution the words 'under leadership of the working class and its Marxist-Leninist party" in the passage defining the East German state.

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The Christian Democratic Union, one of the smaller parties that had been allied with the communists in 40 years of communist rule, proposed striking the constitution's designation of East Germany as a "socialist nation." But that motion failed to win the needed two-thirds majority of votes.

Only 112 deputies from among the 420 present voted in favour of the proposal and 20 others abs-

The move opens the way for political phuralism in East Germany, which will get another boost next Thursday, when the communists sit down to a roundtable discussion with opposition groups to determine the nation's future course.

Communist party leader Egon Krenz personally endorsed the need to make his party compete for its leading role.

He faces numerous challenges to his continued leadership both from burgeoning_opposition groups, like New Forum, and

from within his own party. Krenz contended on national television late yesterday that he had never kept quarters at exclusive hunting lodges set aside

for the party elite.

President George Bush talked by telephone with West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl about Kohl's plans for German reunifincation. Bush and Kohl discussed the chancellor's plan and Bush's summit meeting on Dec 2-3 with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev. But an official spokesman said he had no details of the conversation.

Prague repudiates '68 Warsaw Pact invasion

PRAGUE, Dec I, (Reuter): The Cze-choslovak Communist Party under new leader Karel Urbanek today repudiated the 1968 Warsaw Pact invasion which crushed the Prague spring attempt to introduce liberal reforms in the country.

Vasil Mohorita, a member of the ruling Politburo, said: "We believe that the interception in the training properties in the countries of the countries."

intervention in our territory of five countries of the Warsaw Pact in 1968 was not justified and the decision to do it was wrong.

The decision taken at a Politburo meeting carlier in the day follows the collapse of the

party's authority and the loss of its political monopoly under pressure from Czechoslovakia's Civic Forum opposition

movement.
The Soviet-led invasion felled reformist. communist leader Alexander Dubcek and installed a Stalinist regime which has survived until the present popular revolt.

Meanwhile, East Germany's parliament voted in a televised session today to apolog-

ise to Czechoslovakia for East Berlin's part in the Warsaw Pact invasion in 1968.

Mohorita told a news conference the

Polithuro's condemnation of the invasion was part of a reform programme it approved to try to refurbish the party's image.

He added: "Work has started to evaluate, assess and examine all the historical circumstances (of the invasion) so that we can critically re-examine our approach to these

The politburo's decision to rewrite the history of the invasion will be discussed at a meeting of the Central Committee on Dec 14 and is expected to be endorsed at a special party congress within weeks

Mohorita said the party wanted to hand its control of the people's militias in factories over to the government and to drop its interference in the mass media and the country's artistic life.

The programme for reform "proceeds from the new position of the Communist Party in the present political system,"

"It is one of the political parties in Czechoslovakia which must, just like the others, fight to win a political position in the counHe warned the party's 1.7 million rank-and-file members as well as its officials that we will have to get used to this new situa-

Underscoring the leadership's apparent commitment to change, the programme said the party would reassess the two-year period during which "we verbally associated ourselves with perestroika (reform) while prac-tically nothing changed for the better in this

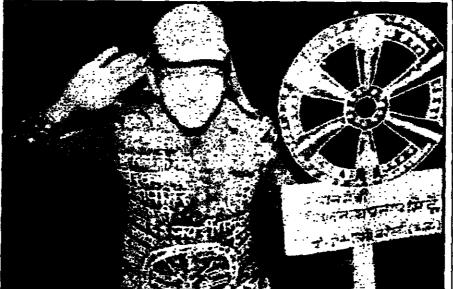
direction." New factions which have sprung up within the party as a result of its disarray said today they would press for it to go beyond the draft programme in its repudiation of the Warsaw Pact invasion.

One of these, the Democratic Forum of Communists, said it would demand the rehabilitation of thousands of reformers expelled from the party after 1968.

Acting government spokesman Marcel Jansen told Reuters today that Czechoslovakia would begin dismantling its "iron curtain" frontier with Austria later this month and visa-free travel to the West would be available from Monday.



Chief Minister of West Bengal Jyoti Basu before a meeting in New Delhi (Reuter wirephoto)



A supporter of V. P. Singh, dressed in a costume written with 'Our Prime Minister is V. P. Singh' stands outside the headquarters of the National Front in New Delhi. (Reuter wirephoto)



Devi Lai (left), V. P. Singh (centre) and Chandrashekhar stand together in front of Parliament after Singh was elected head of the parliamentary party. (Reuter wirephoto)



Chandrashekhar (left) shares a light moment with Ajit Singh during a meeting in New Delhi. (Reuter wirephoto)

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Lal," said a visibly angry Chandra-shekhar, claiming alliance leaders had pledged in a backroom deal to endorse Devi Lal. "It was altered at the last minute without my knowledge and consent." He refused to elaborate but said he would sup-

Rajiv resigned on Wednesday after his party failed to win a majority, but he was asked by Venkataraman to continue until a new

government was formed.
Rajiv, will become leader of the opposition in the new Parliament. Singh was also chosen today asleader of the Janata Dal party, which holds 141 of the National Front's 144 seats in Parliament. The other three seats are held by smaller parties in the

Singh reiterated during a press-briefing his plans to follow his campaign promises to bring down prices, help minorities and the underprivileged, decentralise the government and make it more accountable. Singh said he wants to improve ties

with India's neighbours particularly
Sri Lanka and Nepal.

"Friendly relations with neighbouring countries which have

Student dies in Dhaka gunbattle

DHAKA, Dec 1, (AP): A student was shot to death and 12 others were injured in a campus gunbattle during a nation-wide general strike, police said yesterday.

Arif Ahmed, a supporter of the National Socialist Party, was killed on Wednesday night in a clash with

student activists of the Awami League at the Dhaka University. campus, the police said. A police official, who cannot be entified under briefing rules, said pistols and sawed-off shot guns were

used in the hour-long battle. The National Socialist Party and the Awami League both oppose President Hussain Muhammad Ershad and his government.

deteriorated recently, like Sri Lanka and Nepal, will be the immediate concern" he said.

He told Reuters earlier he would withdraw from Sri Lanka Indian troops sent in 1987 to help end a Tamil rebellion. Rajiv had promised to do his best to pull them out by the

He remained non-committal on whether he would target Rajiv in fulfilling a pledge to prosecute officials who allegedly accepted kickbacks in the \$1.3 billion 1986 military pur-

chase from A.B. Bofors of Swee "We are not going to be vindictive or personalise the matter but the law of the land will prevail," said Singh. Singh also promised to fulfil a campaign pledge to free television and radio from state control and turn

them into independent corporations. According to Singh, the new government will also provide quate security for Rajiv and his family, among the most protected families in the world.

Janata Dal officials said Singh's stated reluctance to become leader other leaders of India's usually fractious opposition parties would support him and avoid the divisive experience of 1979.

Congress emerged as the single lar-gest party with 191 seats out of the 525 at stake. Its small-party allies got another 17 seats.

But the National Front also has been promised support by the right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party, which has 88 seats, and by several left-wing groups, which won a total of 51 con-

That would give the Front and its tacit allies a total of 283 seats enough to carry a vote if there are no

The BJP, the great election surprise winning 88 seats in the 545-member Parliament, insists it will light for its beliefs, which include stripping constitutional privileges from India's 100-million Muslim minority.

During the election

During the election campaign, Singh refused to share a platform with the BJP because of its attitude to Muslims, who were outraged by Rajiv's handling of a dispute over a sacred site they and Hindus both

Meanwhile, the radical All-India Sikh Students Federation directed nine Sikh parliamentarians it backed in elections to boycott their posts until the incoming government promised to "take action" against Rajiv for the anti-Sikh riots ignited by the Oct 31, 1984, assassination of his mother and predecessor, Indira

Federation President Manjit Singh told United Press International in the Sikh holy city of Amritsar that the nine had agreed to the order and were also demanding unspecified steps be taken against caretaker Communications Minister H.K.L. Bhagat and lameduck Mini-ster of State for Food Processing Jag-

Tytler and Bhagat were accused of organising riots in New Delhi in which hundreds of Sikhs were slanghtered by Hindus enraged at Indira's slaying by two Sikh security men. Her son has angered most Sikhs by declining to prosecute those responsible for the riots.

"These are the main culprits who created hatred and bitterness in the minds of the Sikhs," said Manjit Singh. He also said the new government would have to release from prison hundreds of "innocent Sikhs" arrested by security forces fighting to crush the bloody insurgency by Sikh separatists in Punjab.

Lanka likes to stay friendly

COLOMBO, Dec 1, (Agencies): Sri Lanka Minister of Foreign Affairs Ranjan Wijeratne yesterday expressed his country's willingness to maintain friendly and cordial relations with the future Indian government and people of India:

In a weekly press briefing here, the minister underlined that the scheduled withdrawal of Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) from Sri Lanka will be exercised in accordance with the agreement between New Delhi and Colombo, as he added, it is a government to government accordand not an agreement between individuals,

The minister further went on to say that more than 5,000 IPKF troops have left Batticaloa area in the eastern province, adding that the vacuum will be filled by Sri Lanka police and army to maintain law and order there.

Peace has been restored in the eastern province of Ampara. following evacuation of the illegal Tamil National Army (TNA) from the area, he added.

Referring to the Tamil National Army, Wijeratne said that TNA was advised to leave all areas without carrying any weapons. The security forces were also alerted to take necessary actions against those who violate the orders and try to carry

Replying to journalists, the minister said that about 10,000 soldiers of IPKF have left Batticaloa and Ampara areas in the castern province, while situation is coming back to normal in southern parts of the country.

Support, Benazir urges

enemies ISLAMABAD, Dec 1, (Kuna): Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto today pledged to protect and practise democracy in Pakistan in accordance with the country's

constitution. "I appeal to all opposition leaders to join hands with my Pakistan People Party's govern-ment in fulfilment of this task," she said in an address to the nation on radio and television this evening, to mark completion of one year of her rule as prime minister of Pakistan.

Describing the year as first year of restoration of democracy she congratulated the people of Pakistan on the auspicious occasion.

She noted that Pakistan was celebrating the first year of democracy in the background of a wave of democracy sweeping different parts of the world. In this connection she particularly referred to return of democracy in Poland, Hungary and East Germany. Referring to the differences between the PPP government in Islamabad and the two non-PPP governments in Punjab and Baluchistan she said she was keen on resolving those according to the provisions of the con-

"We in PPP stand for the sovereignty of the constitution," she remarked. She said her party also stood for preservation of the

Listing the major accomplishments of her one-year rule, Benazir said the PPP government restored rights of all sections of the people, permitted political freedom, revived press freedom, removed restrictions on foreign travel by journalists, lifted ban on labour and students unions, gave re-employment to those who were sacked during martial law on political grounds and ensured the rights of minorities and women.

In foreign affairs she said: Pakistan re-entered the British Commonwealth, the United States agreed to sell to Pakistan 60 more F-16 war planes and extended full economic aid without any cuts, international financial institutions restored full aid commitments, China agreed to give a 300 megawatt nuclear DOWET reactor, an agreement was signed with India against attack on each other's nuclear installations and India also agreed to stop construction of Wooler Barrage in Kashmir area and resolve the dispute by negotia-

Referring to the country's economy she said that though her government inherited a bankrupt economy, it took bold steps and revived it considerably.

The definite indicators in this connection, according to her, were value of stocks in stock exchanges that have gone up to Rs530 million, share prices have doubled from rupees five hundred thousand to one million, oil and gas production had gone up by 22 per cent and 10 per cent respectively, remittances from Pakistani expatriates rose by 22 per cent and the Karachi Steel Mills, the Karachi Shipyard and Heavy Mechanical Complex have for the first time shown profit

As many as 2,600 villages have been electrified.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Hungary to cut armed forces: Prime Minister Miklos

Nemeth said today Hungary would slash its armed forces by up to a quarter in the next two years, scrapping many offensive weapons and regrouping them away from its Western frontier.

He also announced a shake-up in defence command, replacing the army chief of staff and sacking three deputy ministers.

Addressing army commanders and top Defence Ministry officials, Nemeth said the unilateral move on force levels was designed to promote success at Vienna talks on Conventional Forces in Europe, the state news agency MTI reported. (Reuter)

Bulgaria approves laws: The Bulgarian government has approved a package of draft legislation intended to inject reform in the communist system of the past 40 years, an official said yesterday.

Government spokesman Filip Bokov told a news conference that the bills would codify the citizens' rights to hold meetings and demonstrations and to establish public associations. The delegation guarantees the "citizens" rights to organise meetings and demonstrations without becoming liable to prosecution," the state BTA news agency quoted Bokov as saying. (AP)

Serbs may stage protest: Serbian activists said yesterday they might stage a mass anti-Slovene protest in the Yugoslav capital of

The announcement, made on Belgrade radio, came one day after the activists called off a mass protest rally in the republic of Slovenia which authorities had feared could end in bloodshed. (Reuter) Walesa interviewed: Polish Solidarity leader Lech Walesa said yesterday he would not rule out being president of Poland if there was no

But in an interview with Independent Television News, Walesa said he would take the job grudgingly.
"I don't like it and I don't think I'm prepared," Walesa said through an

interpreter.

"But if I would have to do it, I'm not going to run away from it and I wouldn't deceive my country," he said. (AP)

19 hurt in clashes: Police have defended their use of tear-gas and water cannon to force back hundreds of demonstrators who attacked a monument to Lenin in southern Poland, and said 19 officers were injured Gen. Jerzy Grubba, chief of the Krakow provincial police, was quoted

in the pro-Solidarity newspaper Gazeta Wyborcza yesterday as saying his men were following a government order to block access to the monument in Nowa Huta in southern Poland. The clash Wednesday appeared to be the first large-scale use of police force against protesters since the Solidarity Union Movement assumed

leadership of the Polish government in August. (AP) Bush to veto bill: US President George Bush will veto a bill to allow Chinese students to remain in the United States after their visas expire, calling it unnecessary and an infringement on his presidential

authority.

Bush said in a statement yesterday that the measure was unneeded in light of administrative steps he had taken to accomplish the same ends—

including new measures taken yesterday.

Shortly before Bush announced his intentions, China's official Xinhua News Agency reported that 10 Beijing University presidents have called in an open letter for their US counterparts to help stop the legislation.

Elizabeth invited to visit S. Korea: Queen Elizabeth accep-

ted "in principle" an invitation from President Roh Tae-Woo to visit South Korea. The South Korean leader, who is on a four-day visit to Britian, extended the invitation during lunch at Buckingham Palace and "the queen accepted principle," said a palace official, who requested anon-

Royal tours are planned years in advance and subject to government advice, and there was no immediate indication when the visit might take place. It would be the British monarch's first trip to South Korea.

Cosmonauts leave for Moscow: The two finalists for a 1991

Anglo-Soviet commercial space mission flew to Moscow yesterday.

Either Helen Sharman, 26, or Timothy Mace, 33, who were chosen from 13,000 applicants, will become the first Briton in space.

Both candidates will train at the Gagarin Centre near Moscow for 18

months, learning Russian and practicing experiments along with physical preparations for the flight, organisers said.
Only one will be chosen for the eight-day mission in April 1991. The other is to act as understudy and will conduct similar scientific experiments on Earth. (AP)

Record heroin bust: Anti-drug police have seized 25 kilogrammes (55 pounds) of pure heroin and cracked a ring trafficking the drug between Asia and Europe, police announced yesterday.

The heroin, with a street value of 100 to 200 million francs (\$16.4 million to \$32.8 million), was found hidden in a truck with Turkish

licence plates at a highway rest stop north of Paris.

The seizure marks the largest heroin bust in France since 23 kilogrammes (49 pounds) were confiscated in 1982, the Bureau for the Repression of Traffic in Illegal Intoxicants said. (AP)

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Voter turnout was expected to be heavy tomorrow in the oner posts. ing was relatively quiet with the exception of two gunshots fired into the automobile of one candidate and other A dissident who returned illegally to Taiwan to camfirst election in 40 years in which legal opposition parties paign for the opposition was ordered held without bail challenged the Kuomintang.

The Central Election Commission said 12 million of scattered reports of minor violence. sterday. Prosecutor Luo Rung-Chien rejected a bail request by lawyers for dissident Columbus Leo, secretary-general of The main opposition group, the Democratic Progressive Party, defied warnings from the government and initiated its own low-power television appeals in scattered Taiwan's 20 million population were eligible to vote. In the the World Formosan Association, saying he might flee. 1986 elections, some 65 per cent turned out for the polls. wirephoto)



Taiwan stocks plunge on election eve

Ruling party retires 34 ageing legislators TAIPEI. Dec I. (UPI): Taiwan's stock market plunged today on the eve of key national and local elections, despite efforts by the ruling party to boost the market ahead of the

polls.

The ruling party, the Kuomintang, also announced the impending retirement of 34 ageing legislators who were elected before the Nationalists fled the mamland in 1949

sections of Taiwan. The pirate stations broadcast DPP vote appeals in at least two areas, claiming the move was to counteract government control of the three national channels. Candidates climbed aboard sound trucks to wave to

voters on the final day of campaigning for 293 seats in the national legislature, called the legislative Yuan, and the Taiwan provincial assembly, including 21 contests for

Tuesday, followed by a dramatic rebound of 590. 18 points the next day. Following Tuesday's drop, the government bowed to pressure from investors and drastically reduced a new stock transactions tax in which some observers saw a last-

The Taiwan stock market plummeted 471.28 points to

close at 8,931.28 today, climaxing a week of wild swings

that saw a record one-day drop of 547.98 points on

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The validity of relevant duration shall commence to run with effect from the date of issuing the labour permit. In the event of terminating the employment contract concluded between the employer and labourer within this period for any reason what-soever, the employer shall be held liable for the repatriation of such labourer, even if he/she is locally employed.

With regard to the government projects, labourers shall not be transferred from one employer to another during the valid period of contract, even if it exceeds the duration period provided for herein before, save in the case of project-contract withdrawal from the principal contractor, for readjudication in the favour of another contractor. Labourers may then be transferred to the latter, without applying the duration condition stipulated

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The official disclosed that a pertinent study had been conducted on two sections of the

"Obesity among Kuwaiti women is attributed to social fac-

tors, in addition to the intake of

nutritional levels prevailing in the Kuwaiti community." Issa

communities, through one clinic in the country. Results indicated that the study confirmed that 50 per cent were overweight, while 12 per cent could be considered

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Turkey-Bulgaria to meet again in Kuwait 16

Second round begins Jan 9, 1990

ANKARA, Dec 1, (AP): Turkey and Bulgaria will hold a second round of talks on the problems of ethnic Turks in the Warsaw Pact country in Kuwait on Jan 9, the Foreign Ministry announced yesterday.

The announcement said the talks would cover other aspects of relations between the two countries besides the

issue of ethnic Turks. The talks were scheduled to take place in Kuwait this month but were post-poned upon a request from the Sofia government following the recent political shakeup in Bulgaria.

The second meeting will be between Turkish Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz and his Bulgarian counterpart Boiko Dimitrov, who succeeded Petar

Mladenov was named head of state to replace Todor Zbivkov.

Zhivkov was ousted after 35 years in power at a Nov 10 session of the policysetting Central Committee.

The meeting in Kuwait last month was the first direct encounter between the two countries to try to find a solution to the problems of ethnic Turks who have been fleeing a forced assimilation campaign in

The meeting was arranged through the mediation of Kuwait's Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah.

At the first meeting, the two sides agreed to meet again in November.

About 320,000 ethnic Turkish immigrants arrived in Turkey from Bulgaria in the three months before Aug 21, when Turkey began requiring them to

The ethnic Turks who came initially in

May were community leaders deported for resisting the so-called "Bulgarizaimmigrants turned into a flood after they mere permitted to acquire passports and leave the country.

Turkey imposed the visa requirement to reduce the flow of immigrants. Only sa 10,164 ethnic Turks have arrived since the measure took effect.



Sheikh Salem with Egyptian Ambassador Saeed M. Rifaat before his

Interior ministers meet in Cairo

Security issues renewed

CAIRO, Dec 1, (Kuna): Visiting Kuwaiti Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Sabah Al Salem Al Sabah yesterday affirmed the importance of meeting of the Arab interior ministers, which opened here today.

In a statement to Kuna, the minister added that the conference has security and political dimensions in view of the integrity of Arab society. Sheikh Salem went on to say

that our problems are common and similar as we, the Arabs, are linked security-wise with the world as a whole, adding that this prompts us to review the security issues, including terrorism, forging and other similar issues.

Replying to a question on the latest visit to Kuwait by Egyp-tian Interior Minister Zaki Badar, the Kuwaiti minister underlined that his Egyptian counterpart's visit to Kuwait had left great impact, as he, during his stay there, had conferred with HH the Amir of Kuwait and HH the Crown Prince and Premier.
Threat

A number of security issues, topped by issues of political, social and economical security and drug trafficking were discussed during the visit, he recalled.

Egyptian Prime Minister Atef Sedki opened the conference on behalf of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. This is the first Arab interior ministers con-ference being held in Egypt. Sedki said in his opening speech that Egypt has never been absent from the rest of the Arab world during the years of boycott. He stressed that Egypt has always been convinced that the security of Egypt is part of the security of the rest of Arab world. He said that the main crimes facing the Arab world which need cooperation and collaboration, are international terrorism, drugs and modern economic crimes.

Sedki said that the rates of drug crimes increased in recent years in a way that threatens Arab societies. He called for strengthening Arab co-opera-tion in this field to combat drug trafficking through exchange of experience and information. He affirmed that the protection of Arab security is the way to provide stability to the Arab nation and guarantee its prosperity. He pledged that Egypt will exert all possible efforts, during its presidency of the Arab Interior Ministers Council, to implement the council's decisions and resolutions.

Honorary chairman of the council and Saudi Interior Minister, Prince Nayef Bin Abdul Aziz praised the decision to hold the conference in Egypt after its official return to the Arab Secretary of the Council, Dr

Akram Nashat reviewed in his speech the achievements of the council during the past seven years, when the council was set up. He said that the council is the highest Arab security body and has layed an important role in consolidating Arab internal security through approving the Arab security strategy, Arab anti-drug strategy and the Arab model law on drugs. He announced that the council is now cooperating with the Arab League to prepare an Arab strategy for combatting terrorism and also for holding an international conference on terrorism. He said that the current conference will discuss among other issues, the travel of Arabs in Arab countries, measures to stop foreign "penetration" in Arab countries and the issue of treatment of Palestinians in Arab countries. 19 Arab interior ministers are taking part in the conference including the Syrian interior

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New Aids law in two weeks: Awadi

Thirty-five tests positive in Kuwait

THIRTY-FIVE Aids cases, most of them expatriates, have been discovered in Kuwait and the government is introducing new measures to protect the nation against the deadly disease, a senior health official said.

Planning Minister Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, who is acting health minister, said only one Kuwaiti, a child, has died of Aids. The child had contracted the disease after a blood transfusion operation abroad. Seven other Kuwaitis were found to be carrying the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) which causes Aids, but had not contrac-

ted the disease.
The other victims are expatriates, Awadi said, without elaborating on measures instituted against these expats. However, the official emphasised that there were no Aids cases

registered in Kuwait at present. However, Kuwait, like other conservative Gulf Arab states, is known to deport expatriates afflicted with Aids, or carrying the virus which attacks the body's immune system, leaving a person prone to various infections and cancers.

Debate

Addressing a debate organised by the national commission for fighting the killer disease at the faculty of law's theatre to mark the occasion of the celebrations of the 2nd International Day of anti-Aids. Awadi said that a new law on Aids patients in Kuwait-is being considered by the government and is hoped to be passed by the Council of Ministers

The draft law is intended to organise the relationship between Aids patients and society as well as means of protection against the deadly disease. The law will further seek to "protect the community, including spouses, children, doctors and nurses against the fatal disease".

The bill further authorises health authorities to take all preventive measures to "protect the community and ensure that due care to patients within a balance of the rights of individuals and the community."

The official did not elaborate. About measures taken to prevent the spread of the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, the official said they included checks on blood transfusions, use of disposable syringes and the religious deterrence against unlawful sexual

involvement.

Kuwait and its five partners in the Gulf Co-operation Council
— Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman and Bahrain, have reported only a limited number of Aids cases since the spread of the disease at the turn of the decade. Most of these cases have been blamed on blood transfusions, though the disease also can be transmitted through the use of contaminated needles by drug addicts and sex-

ual relations.

A report by the Ministry of Health published by the UAE newspaper Al Khaleej reported that out of one million people tested for Aids, 1,000 have been found to be carrying the virus and were deported.

Treatment Speaking on this deadly men-ace, Awadi said that our Prophet Mohammed (Peace Be Upon Him) had predicted the relation between illicit relations (adultery) and diseases that appeared for the first time 1,400 years ago and added that medical expectations indicated that Aids will continue till the year 2,050. The ministry is serious in

undertaking blood tests for all those suspected of carrying the disease such as expatriate manpower and will also conduct random samples of these categories for examinations. Commenting that most victims of the disease are youth, Awadi pointed out that the insurance companies in the USA had increased the insurance premium charged on youths in realisation of the rapid spread of the disease among this

Aids moms and tots will haunt society Mothers who have infected their children

PARIS, Dec 1, (Reuter): The trauma, guilt, depression and physical health problems suffered by millions of mothers and children stricken with Aids will haunt society for decades, according to experts at a Paris con-

"Knowing you transmitted death to your child causes enormous rage and despair," said Anita Septimus, an Aids specialist attending the first international conference on the effects of the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome on mothers and children.

Psychologists and health care workers at the four-day conference, which ended yesterday,highlighted the support women and children required to cope with the killer disease.

They also warned that the disease could escape early detection in children born to mothers with Aids. We may have some nasty surprises from

chidren who test negative in their childhood and then get Aids 15 years later," said Stephane Blanche, an Aids expert at Paris' Necker Hosp-Often ashamed and secretive about their

illness, women already account for more than one in three of the world's Aids sufferers, and their numbers are rising fast. The World Health Organisation (WHO) estimates that more women will become infected with the Aids-bearing HIV virus in the next two years than were infected over the last

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often suffer from paralysing depression and

anxiety, psychologists said.
"Many are so isolated they need the constant company of health care workers even if they aren't sick," said Septimus, of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York.

Despite social programmes, mothers usually lack the support and solidarity male homosexual communities have developed.

Women make up more than 1.5 million of the

over five million people world-wide infected with the Human Immune Deficiency Virus (HIV), according to who estimates. Most live in sub-Saharan Africa and the Caribbean. The disease itself erodes the body's immune

system, leaving victims open to infections heal-thy people easily ward off. A woman's isolation often begins with the decision to have herself tested for the Aids

virus. If it is positive, she then must choose between the risk of giving birth to an infected child or aborting a potentially healthy one. One in three women who test positive for the

Aids virus will infect their children. For reasons unclear to scientists, the rate is even higher in some parts of Africa where as many as 60 per cent of infected mothers transmit the virus to Many African women who test positive for

the Aids virus decide against abortion. Delegates said this decision reflects the importance they place on their role as mothers,

Second annual anti-Aids day

Grim transition to 1990s

GENEVA, Dec 1, (Kuna): With a medical solution claiming more women and children also as victims. the second Annual World Aids Day (Dec 1), spon-sored by the World Health Organisation (WHO), marks a grim transition into the second decade of Aids epidemics.

In a special message, the director-general of WHO, Dr Hiroshi Nakajima, said "the success of World Aids Day in 1988 amply demonstrated that hundreds of thousands of people and probably millions in developed and developing countries alike seek accurate unbiased information on the alike, seek accurate, unbiased information on the disease and the virus."

Dr Jonathan Mann, director of the WHO global programme on Aids (GPA), said that the young people of the world would speak out about Aids in their own words — "for they are the first generation to grow up in a world with Aids. They are the frontline of our future."

The alarming spread of Aids during this decade can be seen from the progressive increase in number of cases reported to WHO from 152 countries every month. From a cumulative total of 106 cases reported in 1980, the future jumped to 27, 108 in 1985, and to 165,011 in 1988 and now stands at 198, 165 as the end of Nov, 1989.

There has been an increase of over 11,000 cases over the previous month alone. Broadly, the cases are distributed as follows: Americas (131,250), Africa (36,486), Europe (28,247), Oceania (1701)

Unlike most diseases, Aids is almost always fatal — the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) — which may remain dormant and thus undetected for period of two to seven years.

WHO estimates that 5 to 10 million people

around the globe are already HIV infected and it is predicted that by the end of this century, about 6 million cases of Aids may have occurred. Moreover, of the 600,000 victims of Aids reported to date, 150,000 have been women. And, of the 500,000 additional cases expected in 1990 and 1991, about 200,000 will be women - mostly of child-bearing

Predictions The highest number of cases per 100,000 population in Europe are in Monaco, Switzerland, France, and Spain. It is predicted that the number of cases in Europe in 1991 will be around 100,000-150,000, with some 5,000 in Switzerland alone.

The highest incidence of reported cases remain within the homosexual or bisexual community, followed by intravenous drug users and through blood transfusions. Although presently low, the number of reported cases among heterosexually active persons has been observed to increase.

Compared to the 2.5 million people who die of smoking-related illness, 5 million children who suffer chronic diarrhoea, or the 3 million lives tuberculosis claims annually, the Aids toll seems insignificant, but Aids has a potential to surpass other killers if it continues to spread unchecked.

Unlike other fatal diseases which usually affect and the very young -Aids attacks the most productive segment of the population. In the coming years Aids will be the most common cause of death of men

in the 25-44 years ago group.
Such economic disruptions can have particularly severe impact on developing nations. According to a study, by 1995 the annual loss to Zaire's economy due to premature deaths and reduced savings will be between \$350-670 million —equal to 8 to 16 per cent of the Gross National Product in 1984. Costs

On the other hand, the cost of fighting Aids is exceptionally high. In Switzerland, for example, it was estimated at 100 million Swiss francs in 1987 and is expected to go upto 1.6 billion Swiss francs in 🤲 Much of the needed resources will have to be

borne by tax payers or cutting other programme budgets. For developing countries, this could mean severe strain on the already fragile health care sys-A comparative study shows that in 1984 Haiti had

\$3.25 per citizen to spend on health care, Rwanda \$1.60 — in contrast to Sweden \$1,100 and the USA Moreover, the only drug currently know to attack

HIV infection is AZT — costing about \$8,000 per patient annually — which is beyond reach for many even in developed countries. But as one expert notes, economically tally sheets cannot capture the pain of a child left without

parents or of a generation whose future is shortchanged by Aids.

Since prospects for a vaccine or cure seem distant, prevention will likely remain the world's primary weapon in the fight against Aids. WHO predicts that the struggle with Aids during the 1990s will be much

more difficult than during the 1980s.

Identified in 1981, HIV belongs to the genus of retroviruses, which have the soility to remain in the host cell for many years and therefore protected from access by the defence mechanisms of the body.

Verification

Infection with HIV often leads to influenza-like symptoms. The virus usually multiplies — causing a general phase of deterioration in health and leading to full-blown Aids. The process leaves the system open to various cancers and infections. Blood tests remain the most dependable way of verifying

Fortunately, the virus which causes Aids only lives under certain conditions and can only be transmitted by sexual intercourse, blood exchange or by unsterile needles, as well as from mother to child during delivery. Normal social contacts do not lead

General consensus among experts is that the best way to avoid Aids is to have a monogamous sexual relationship with a partner known to be uninfected, but short of that, condoms provide the best protec-

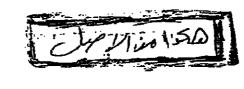
tion against HIV transmission.

Regional figures and the most-affected countries as of Nov 30:

AFRICA: 36,486 — Burundi 1,975, Congo 1,250, Kenya 6,004, Malawi 2,586, Rwanda 1,302, Uganda 7,375, Tanzania
4,158, Zaire 4,636, Zambia 1,892, Zimbabwe 1,148.

AMERICAS: 131,250 — Brazil 7,787, Canada 2,996, Dominican Republic 1,028, Haiti 2,215, Mexico 2,683, United

ASIA: 481 — India 32, Israel 92, Japan 108.
EUROPE: 28,247 — Austria 332, Belgium 563, Denmark 470, France 8,025, West Germany 4,093, Italy 4,663, Netherlands 983, Portugal 306, Spain 3,965, Switzerland 1,046, United Kingdom 2,649. OCEANIA: 1,701 - Australia 1.529, New Zealand 146.



Computerised procedure at Social Affairs Ministry | Identity cards

Optimum services to transactors

NEW procedures for accelerating private sectors workforce transactions at different governorates will be instituted as of Saturday 2 Dec 1989, according to Ali Mohammed Al Ali, director of Public Relations Department at Kuwait's Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

Capacity In a statement to the press, the official said that these procedures will cover ren-

Navy begins

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of experts the most spectacular,

is a 10x4 metre Persian "Garden

Carpet" made in the 18th century

offered to the four month exhibi-

tion by Kuwait's Islamic

ewal and cancellation of work permits on a computerised basis.

A plan for developing the computer system has already been set up and is designed to upgrade the system's effectiveness by utilising the latest technology. The new system has inbuilt safety devices to prevent any infringements and is tailored to provide the optimum services to tran-

The new system will provide bigger and better storage capacity, will provide instantaneous data on the country's manpower in addition to print outs on employers and their employees. The new system will improve performance levels and will also ensure secrecy, accuracy and security of stored information.

To streamline transactions, waiting halls at the Labour Departments of the

different governorates will be provided with necessary guide posts, booklets and brochures clarifying the required documents to be submitted to the departments. Transactions will be processed in a pre-set manner, according to the timing of their entries into the waiting hall. The new system is programmed to provide completion of transactions within the shortest

KAC-MAS joint service flights begin December 4

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 1, (Kuna): Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC) will sign a joint service' agreement with the Malaysian Airlines (MAS) here Monday to begin scheduled once a week flights between Kuwait and Malaysia.

Kuwait Airways inaugural flight will arrive at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport on Sunday afternoon.

On board the plane will be Kuwait Airways chairman Ahmad Al Mishari, Malaysian Ambassador to Kuwait Wan Hussain Mustafa and his wife, KAC Deputy director general (commercial) Ghazi Al Mashaan, public relations and information director Abdulla Al Nafisi, travel agents, business-men and journalists.

While in Malaysia, Al Mishari will officially open the New Kuala Lumpur office of Kuwait Airways situated on the fifth floor of Pernas International building, Jalan Sultan Ismail on Monday afternoon. He will also meet with the MAS chairman Raja Mohar Badiozaman on the

same day. Mashaan will sign the 'jointservice' agreement on behalf of

tificate to obtain work at the

The court was told that the

first defendant had illegally

imported the drugs and in co-

operation with the second defen-

name.

less of their present nationality are entitled to have their identification cards. "The cards will be considered official documents for all purposes until the accom-plishment of full independence," he said. Battash urged Palestinians to

obtain the cards, noting that by doing so they will be giving finan-cial support to the intitada or uprising of the Palestinian inhabitants in the Israelioccupied West Bank and Gaza

KUWAIT, Dec 1, (Agencies): Palestinian diplomatic missions

world-wide will issue identity

cards and family records in a step

toward establishing Palestinian

citizenship, a newspaper repor-

ted today. Awni Battash, the Palestinian

ambassador to Kuwait, told a local daily that the cards would be issued starting Dec 8, the

second anniversary of the start of

the Palestinian uprising.
"This move will be a legal and

political step to assert the Pales-tinian linkage to their homeland," Battash told the

newspaper. He said all Palestinians regard-

He confirmed early reports that the PLO would levy \$25 for each card, and \$100 for each family book.

First reports on the documents appeared in the Abu Dhabi staterun newspaper Al Ittihad two weeks ago, when their introduction was described as a follow-up step to the year-old proclamation of the State of Palestine. The proclamation meant that

tion offices converted to embassies in capitals that recognised Al Ittihad said Palestinians in

the occupied territories would obtain their papers from "special committees," without elaborat-

tinians carry travel documents provided by Arab states that have hosted them since the 1948 creation of Israel and later the flight from the occupied territories after the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

League session Meanwhile, Minister of State

for Foreign Affairs Saud Mohammed Al Ossaimi returned home last night from the Tunisian capital where he headed Kuwait's delegation to the Arab League Council extra-

ordinary session on Palestine.
The meeting affirmed recommendations of previous Arab

In an appeal addressed to the superpower summit due to start off Malta's shores between the Soviet and American leaders, Mikhail Gorbachev and George Bush next Saturday, the council hoped that the upcoming summit would be "a historic event" for humanity and a starting point for

Appeal to resolve Arab-Israeli conflict

for Palestinians

Joint efforts

global peace and detente.

The Arab foreign ministers noted that the summit is convening near Arab countries overlooking the Mediterranean and at the time when the world is witnessing extensive changes whether those pertaining to agreements on arms non-proliferation and reducing military forces in Europe or those involving democratic reforms and resolving regional disputes through peaceful

The Arab League Council expressed hope that the summit meeting would further bolster such a trend and reflect on the Palestinian cause as well as on the Arab-Israeli conflict by eliminat-

ing the Israeli occupation. . The statement asserted that Israeli occupation is the main barrier to establishing security and peace in the region and the world as well and affirmed that the Palestinian peace initiative which was supported by the recent Casablanca Arab summit has contained the basis for a just and durable settlement of the Palestinian problem.

The statement appealed to the two superpower leaders to shift their joint efforts for building world peace to the Middle East region and seeking a solution for the Palestinian cause and the Arab-Israeli conflict on basis of UN resolution 242 and 338 and all other resolutions adopted by "the international legitimacy."

The ministers called on Presidents Gorbachev and Bush to give priority to the Palestinian cause in their upcoming summit talks noting that the UN-sponsored solution for the independence of Namibia, South West Africa, would serve as good examples to be followed in dealing with the Palestinian problem.



Muslims in Africa charity

The religious society at the Students and Trainees Affairs Office of the Commercial Studies College for girls organised a charity dish to help Muslims in Africa.

The opening was attended by the college dean, Dr Hasan Abshar Al Tayeb and the head of the office, Ghaneema Al Othman. Large number of students and teaching staff also participated. The charity dish was held at the new cafeteria of the college.

From the courts

Rapist's death sentence reduced to 10 years

THE Court of Higher Appeals reduced the death penalty issued earlier by the Criminal Court against a Pakistani citizen to ten years penal servitude.

The suspect had been sharing a flat along with his wife with another married couple. During this period, the two wives were constantly engaged in a series of Quarrels.

The suspect had decided on a ersonal vendetta on behalf of his wife after he had vacated the flat. One day, the suspect returned to the flat he had vacated in the absence of the husband and informed the wife that he had left some articles in the house before he left and had come to collect

However, on gaining entry into the house, he produced a 10

cm knife and forcibly pushed the woman into the bedroom where he raped her by threatening to kill her if she informed any one of the incident.

■ KUWAIT'S Court acquitted a taxi driver accused of sexually assaulting and overcharging a

In her statement, the lady claimed that she asked the driver to take her to Andalus area and rode in the front seat beside the driver. On arrival, she handed the taxi driver KD1 and asked him to give her the change. She claimed that he refused and tapped his hands on her leg.

The lady forced her way out of the taxi and reported the vehicle's licence number to the police

station. The driver, in court, denied

any wrong-doing and the court for lack of any conclusive evidence, acquitted the driver.

The Criminal Court ordered a man to pay a fine of KD200 for causing the death of his colleague

through negligence.
The court was told that the accused while working on the project site at the Science College at Kuwait University had inadvertently left a decorative ladder. While the accused was measuring an area of the project site, he heard his colleague screaming in pain. The victim had been hit by a nail which had been fired from the decorative gun as it fell from the ladder on to the floor.

The victim was rushed to the Mubarak Hospital, but succum-

bed to his injuries.

KUWAITS Higher Appeal Court under the chairmanship of Ismael Zazou upheld the verdict of the Criminal Court in sentencing two brothers to ten years imprisonment with hard labour and deportation.

The two defendants told the

court that they had murdered their sister to prevent her destroying the family reputation through her immoral conduct. The sister had married several men within a short period of time. All marriages were without the knowledge or consent of the family, they added.

The convicts said that after an exhaustive search they discovered that their sister had attieg a man ang ilve in Um Al Haiman. They waited outside their sister's house with a gun until her husband had left for work and then entered the premises. On seeing them, the sister ran and hid herself in her bedroom. One of the brothers stood guard outside the locked door of the bedroom and the other climbed through the airconditioning ducts to the bedroom and fired several shots and then stabbed her with the knife to ensure that she was dead.

■ THE Court of First Instance sentenced an accused identified as Anbar to three years rigorous imprisonment to be followed by deportation on charges of for-

Palestine Liberation Organisa-Kuwait Airways. Most of the five million Pales-The court was told that Anbar had fraudulently obtained the Kuwaiti nationality, but it was later confiscated. However, the accused used the nationality cer-

Ministry of Education and also to open a bank account in his ■ THE Criminal Court sentenced two defendants to ten and fine of KD10,000 and KD5,000 respectively. Both are to be deported on completion of sen-

summits on the Palestine ques-tion and Arab-Israeli conflict, particularly the recommendations of the recent Casablanca

OBITUARY



ROY AXEL KHAN 30.9.1919 - 30.11.1989

Former Indian Ambassador to Kuwait. Expired after a brief illness in London. Funeral Service at St. John's Church Hyde Park Crescent, London W.2 on 9th December 1989

Memorial Service being held in Kuwait at the National Evangelical Church at 2 p.m. on 9th December 1989.

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BAHRAIN DIGEST

Mixed foods best for health: dietician

IN ORDER to lead a longer and healthy life it is imperative for people everywhere to adopt to a mixed diet of a variety of foods, particularly avoiding meat containing high saturated fat and in the process safeguarding themselves from suffering various heart diseases, a leading Australian nutritionist said in Bohrain. In a lecture delivered to dieticians and members of the public at the

American Mission Hospital, Luiga Fantini, highlighted the potential danger of high consumption of foodstuff, particularly meet containing high level of fat and called instead for all health-conclous people to modify their diet by eating all kinds of food. "Normally our diet should consist of about 55 per cent of

carbohydrates, 20 per cent of velegables and truits and the rest comprising of meat. But it is very important that while consuming meat we only take it without any fat content. It is safe to eat meat as long we opt for lean meat without any fat," said Fantini who works for the Australian Meat and Livestock Corproation in Sydney. Trend

According to Fantini, who just concluded her visit the Bahrain, the biggest problem existing world-wide is that people in general act too much fat. As a consequences this eating trend contributes to heart diseases on a large scale. The top nutritionist cited overweigh because of overeating as the next major danger fecing healthconscious people everywhere.

Fantini said in some Western countries because of affluent infestyles people tend to eat large quantities of meat, include in overeating particularly fast food among the younger generations and Over the lost two years a major analytical study related to diet

showed that while Australians still eat considerable amount of meat on overage, they have cut down on foodstuff containing high fat such as doiny products. About 50 per cent of all dairy products such as margarine, butter and oil are now available in non-fat form. While heart disease is still the number one cause of death in Australia, the number of people succumbing to this affliction have dropped drastically over the last 20 years, particularly because of change of eacting habits, commented Fantini.

Fantini, qualified dietician who has conducted studies and research in the field of dietics and nutrition, called for the need to modify the amount of calories in the body with a mixed diet.

"It is important we balance our diet by eating all kinds of food. For instance we should try fish for one meal followed by meat in another,"

Fantini cautioned people not to confine themselves to just vegetables just because it has become 'tashionable.' Meat is also important so long it is taken without fat.



Four Mitsubishi vehicles won

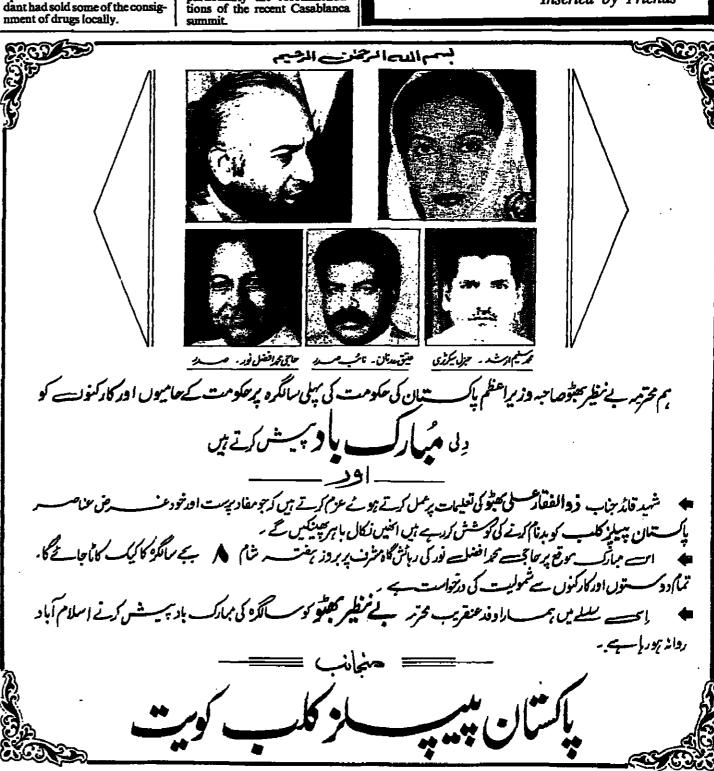
As part of the 1990 model launch the car purchasers from Al Mulia were given a golden opportunity to win 30 prizes including four Mitsubishi vehicles, cash, air tickets and other electronic and home appliances. The draw was held on November 26, '89 under the supervision of Ministries of Commerce and Interior and in front of a large enthusiastic crowd of car purchasers at Al Rai automotive showroom.

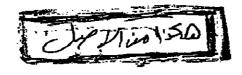
The first prize of Mitsubishi Pajero Super Wagon was won by Nada Marzouk Abdul Wahad Al Marzouk. Manea Mubarak Al Hayan, Hari Ibrahim Ahmed Al Marzouk and Khalil Ibrahim Khalil won the Galant S. Saloon, L-300 mini bus and Colt Super Roof respectively. Picture shows the winner of the first prize.

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Ending communist

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Czechs set

speed record

practice (Reuter): From a standing start to the collapse of communist domination in just 12 days: Czechoslovakia has set a speed record in a region that has been moving extraordin-

arily fast.
"In Poland it took years, in Hungary months, in East Germany weeks, here it was days," a

It all began on Nov 17 when a peaceful demonstration by 50,000 students marking the suppression of student protests by the Nazis 50 years earlier was broken up violently by riot

police.
On Wednesday, 12 days later, parliament was expected to approve a change in the constitution to strip the Communist Party of its automatic right to rule, enshrined in the constitution for over 40 years.

This came only hours after a leading communist official, Vasil Mohorita, had promised for a leading acceptably within a year and years.

free elections, possibly within a year, and party

leader Karel Urbanek said the events leading to the 1968 Soviet invasion must be reassessed.

Whoever ordered in the police on Nov 17-

and that is still a subject of debate and dispute

- it sealed the fate of the hard-line leadership

The bloody police action provided a focus, previously lacking, for the resentment and frus-

tration that had been building up in the popula-

In the past year there had been some attempts

by opposition groups to raise public awareness, for instance by a petition calling for reforms that collected 35,000 signatures, but most were limited to a relatively small circle of servists.

The police action gave an excuse for previously-silent establishment figures to attack the leadership by calling for an inquier

attack the leadership by calling for an inquiry into the action. Communist Party members, including parents and grandparents of students battered by the police, joined in the condemna-

A people that had tasted democracy and free

expression, albeit briefly, during the heady days of Alexander Dubcek's "Prague Spring",

clearly wanted to wipe away the intervening

years, and quickly.
"Things are moving so fast," leading opposition figure Vaclav Havel said earlier this week.

"You must not forget that Czechoslovaks have been in a state of timelessness since 1968."

On the Monday after the savage attack on

Many may have come in the belief that one of

the students, over 200,000 people came into

Prague's central Wenceslas Square and mar-

the students died from head-wounds inflicted

ched through the city.

installed after the invasion.

Western diplomat commented.

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Thought for today

l enjoy convalescence. It is the part that makes the lliness worthwhile — George Bernard Shaw, Irish-born palywright (1856-1950)

Support for Hamas grows

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (Reuter): While fundamentalists celebrate their election to Jordan's parliament, their Palestinian brethren are awaiting trial by Israel on charges which may keep them behind

Sheikh Ahmed Yassin and other leaders of the now-outlawed Islamic Resistance Movement, known by the Arabic acronym Hamas, have been indicted on charges of murder, kidnapping, armed insurrection, conspiracy to commit crimes and subversion.

Yet, despite their detention, support for Hamas is growing in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip as more Palestinians, frustrated by the failure of their two-year-old uprising to achieve political results, turn to radical religion. This month's Jordanian poll, in which Muslim Brotherhood can-

didates won 22 of the 80 seats and assorted candidates took another 11, has led Palestinian nationalists and the Israeli security service to reassess Hamas' strength. Israeli government press office director Yossi Olmert noted that

fundamentalists polled their highest scores in the Amman area, where Palestinians are a majority of the electorate. In municipal elections among Israeli Arabs earlier this year, Muslim Brotherhood candidates gained control of the major town of Umm Al

Fahm from the communists for the first time. The trend is significant because Israel has proposed elections in the occupied territories as a first step towards Palestinian self-rule and

negotiations on the final status of the areas. Apart from its own factional divisions, the PLO now has an extra reason to be genuinely afraid of the results of elections. Support for Islamic fundamentalists is growing in Jordan and the territories,"

An Israeli Army assessment, leaked to the press by official military sources, estimated that PLO leader Yasser Arafat's mainstream Nationalist Fatah Group would win about 65 per cent of votes in the

West Bank and Gaza Strip. But it suggests that Hamas might poll 30 per cent and this would be a blow to the mainly-secular PLO's claim to be the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

From the start, the Intifada (uprising) has had a strong Islami undercurrent. Clandestine leaflets of the PLO-backed unified leadership of the uprising began with the phrase "In the Name of Allah, the Beneficient, the merciful" and eschewed the Markist jargon of many third world

While Hamas avoided open conflict with the PLO, it staked out a rejectionist platform opposed to ceding a single inch of "sacred Palestinian soil" to the Jews, in contrast to the PLO's search for a two-

state compromise with Israel. Sheikh Yassin, 52, the crippled spiritual leader of Hamas due to stand trial on Dec 13, founded the movement in December 1987, just as the intifada was starting.

A frail man with a reedy voice, he is regarded by Gazans as something between a sage and a saint. He had been jailed by Israel before the uprising for stocking weapons in his mosque but was freed in a 1985 prisoner exchange.

According to the indictment against him, Yassin unified two existing groups, Al Mujaheddin Al Falestinian (the Palestinian fighters) and Al Majd (Glory), under the umbrella of Hamas, appointed area comman-

ders and organised the supply of funds. The former schoolteacher, paralysed from the neck down after a teenage sports accident, chaired monthly leadership meetings at his home in Gaza city's poor Sabra neighbourhood.

Yassin is charged with ordering the killing of at least three Palestinians in 1987 for collaborating with Israeli secret police, and moral

In an interview with Reuters shortly before his arrest with about 250 Hamas activists last May, he upheld the killing of collaborators as necessary to defend the revolt.

The indicament says he also ordered the kidnap and murder of two Israeli soldiers who vanished while hitch-hiking inside Israel this year. Military sources said the indictments were based largely on confessions by Yassin and his associates under questioning by Israel's feared Shin Bet security service.

Yassin avowed his leading role in Hamas in a prison interview with Israel television's Arabic service in September.

The mujaheddin carried out commando operations against Israel while Majd was responsible for "internal security" - collecting information on suspected collaborators, drug dealers and pomographers and attacking them and their property. Hamas itself was the political wing of the organisation, issuing its own clandestine leaflets like the PLO-backed unified leadership of the

uprising, organising strikes and street protests and drafting a political

"(Yassin) took upon himself responsibility for every item in Hamas leaflets, including their writing, phrasing and distribution," the indict-It portrays him as the brains behind Hamas' clandestine network

devising secret messeage boxes in mosque walls and using couriers to carry communications to the West Bank and to Amman - the major offshore centre of Hamas. According to the indictment, Yassin received and distributed more

than half a million dollars from abroad, including a donation from born-again Muslim Youssef Al Islam, the former British rock star Cat

Sheikh Jamil Hamami, a Jordanian-salaried preacher at Jerusalem's Al Agsa mosque, is named as Yassin's key contact with the West Bank.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1790 — Austrian troops re-enter Brussels and suppress revolu-1804 — Napoleon Bonaparte crowns himself Emperor Napoleon I of France.

1815 - Britain and Rajah of Nepal sign treaty of peace. 1848 — Austria's Emperor Ferdinand I abdicates in favour of

Franz Joseph I. 1852—Second French empire is proclaimed with Napoleon III as emperor.

1854 — Austria concludes alliance with Britain and France. 1856 — France and Spain reach agreement on their frontiers.

1908 - Revolt begins in Bohemia. 1920 - Treaty of Alexandropol by which Armenia cedes

territory to Turkey. 1942 - Nuclear chain reaction is demonstrated for first time by scientists working on secret project in Chicago, Illinois (US).

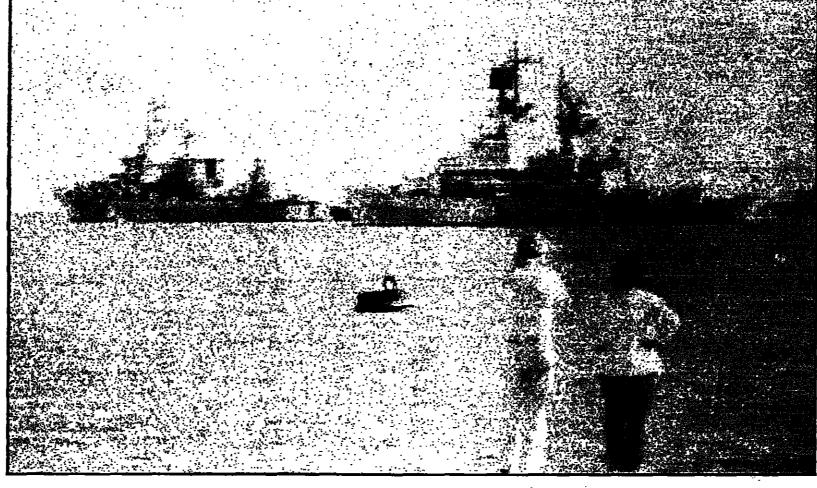
1950 — United Nations agrees to hand over Eritrea to Eth-1961 — Britain refuses request of Buganda for independence.

1972 — Fire rages through pop music festival in Scoul, South Korea, and at least 50 people are killed.

1985 - Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Ryzhkov and Zimbabwe's Prime Minister Robert Mugabe reach agreement on an economic and technological cooperation accord. 1986 - More than 16,000 Hindus go on a rampage in New

Delhi to protest Sikh terrorist killings in Punjab state. 1987 - Soviet Union accuses United States of hampering finalization of treaty banning intermediate-range nuclear

weapons. 1988 — Arab diplomats introduced resolution in United Nations to move General Assembly to Geneva so PLO chairman Yasser Arafat can address world body.



Residents watch from the shore as the Soviet missile cruiser Slava (left) and the USS cruiser Belknap are lined up in Marsaxiokk Bay. The ships will be the site of the summit between George Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev. (Reuter wirephoto)

Middle East receives poor attention

Summit to focus on East Europe

Mikhail Gorbachev meet in the Mediterranean today, they will be only a few hundred miles away from one of the most turbulent regions of the world

— the Middle East. Yet, ironically, this is one region that appears unlikely to dominate the agenda during their two days of talks and discussions. Or at least, that is what officials from both sides were saying publicly prior to the summit: The Middle East is not Developments in Eastern Europe, perestroika

and glasnost in the Soviet Union, arms reductions, mutual troop cuts, and economic co-operation are issues of much more historic proportion for the two superpowers and are bound to dominate the socalled "floating summit." All other international issues would have to be

discussed marginally or more likely be postponed till the official summit scheduled for the spring of next year in the United States.

They might, however, be discussed briefly in Malta by the Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevarduadze and his American counterpart James

Unless, of course, developments "impose" themselves on the two leaders' agenda. The recent bloody developments in El Salvador and in Nicaragua, for example, have already guaranteed that Central America will now become a heated topic of giveand-take at the Malta summit. The US, it is said, has a lot at stake in Central America and wants the Soviet Union to make sure that it reigns in its surrogates in the region, mainly Cuba and Nicaragua, before things get out of hand once again.

Both leaders are seasoned enough to remember that the Middle East, too, par excellence, had always imposed itself on summit agendas in the past. In fact, a possible military confrontation in Lebanon between Christian leader Gen Michel Oun and the newly-elected president, Elias Hrawi, can easily flare up even before the two superpower leaders meet today, despite appeals to the country from each of Moscow and Washington.

Both Bush and Gorbachev can still remember that one of the many reasons that the Palestinian uprising — the Intifada — erupted two years ago was the fact that the Amman Arab summit at the time had failed to discuss the Palestinian question and focussed its efforts primarily on the Iraq-Iran

The US and the Soviet Union have as much at stake in the Middle East as they have in Europe and in Central and South America, if not more.

In the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, in Lebanon, and in the stalemated ceasefire talks between Iran and Iraq, both the US and the Soviet Union can tip the balance either way towards a solution or a

Recent reports circulating in Washington claim that the process towards election in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip is not moving forward because the Soviets have asked the PLO not to respond positively to Secretary of State James Baker's five-point proposals unless the Soviet Union is given a role in the overall process. Obviously, these

ISLAMABAD, (Reuter): Winter is falling on the

Afghan war with neither peace nor victory in sight for the deeply divided mujahedeen and their enemy,

the Soviet-backed Kabul government.

Among Afghan rebels and their supporters, fears are growing that 1989 may go down as the year they

squandered their best opportunities of success, both

on the battlefield and in the tangled international

November saw a late flurry of rebel attacks on the

government-held cities and the Salang Highway,

Kabul's lifeline to the Soviet Union. Rebel spokes-

man said on Wednesday that they had forced the

But snowfalls on the mountains that cover much

of Afghanistan have begun to hinder rebel opera-

tions and observers rule out significant military

Since a Soviet troop pullout in February, the war

has continued to take a ferocious toll not only of

fighters, but of hundreds of citydwellers killed by

rebel rockets and peasants killed in Kabul's missile

While many diplomats in Islamabad and Kabul

say only the threat of arms cut-offs by both Moscow

and Washington could force the warring sides to the

negotiating table, the trend for the moment is run-

US newspapers reported this month that the

United States and Saudi Arabia had agreed to

provide \$715 million worth of new military aid to the

Mujahedeen intended to match a massive flow of

Sibghatullah Mojaddidi, president of the rebel

closure of an airport at Herat in the west.

diplomacy surrounding the conflict.

and air raids on rebel strongholds.

ning in the opposite direction.

Soviet weapons supplied into Kabul.

changes before spring.

reports are being promoted tendentiously by the US in order to shift the blame for failure away from

Little is being said of the fact that failure might

ensue mainly because the Bush administration has shown little tangible willingness to put pressure on Israel to force it to accept, among other things, the one principle long upheld by successive administrations — a readiness to exchange land for peace. A detailed discussion of and agreement on this

thorny issue by Bush and Gorbachev would go a long way in easing the tension and the suffering on both sides of the Middle East divide. Both powers have influence on one party or the other in this diplomatic game. Are they ready to use it before another crisis erupts? Lebanon is still crying for help, despite a historic

agreement reached in Taif that has been supported by the international community. There is enough basis to conclude that had Washington and Moscow not put their full weight behind the Taif accord, that. historic agreement would have never seen the light

Shouldn't Bush and Gorbachev now be discussing its implementation in more detail to see how they could end this ongoing tragedy plaguing Lebanon can at any time become the cause of a major Syrian-Israeli military confrontation?

Equally, it has been a year and a half since Iraq and Iran had signed the famous 10-article UN Security Council resolution 598.

The guns have fallen silent, but peace seems a long way off as long as the other nine articles of the UN resolution remain ink on paper. Both Bush and Gorbachev know that a state of no-war-and-no-. peace can easily shift either way. The two superpowers still can make it go in either directions if they

Although they would not like to admit it publicly, both Bush and Gorbachev must realize that in many ways, they have little influence these days on their so-called "client states" or even on their close allies. Part of that stems from the fact that both leaders have their own domestic problems and their own

national priorities and agendas. And in Bush's case, it is obvious that he, like other presidents before him, has his hands tied by a Congress that is so obviously under the control and influence of a lobby that puts Israel's interests above

those of the United States. It has become clear by now, for example, that Secretary of State James Baker conducts American foreign policy with at least one eye focussed on the domestic scene as reflected by the mood in Congress, the media, and the polls. In Washington's political jargon, this is intentionally being described as a "pragmatic" approach to foreign policy. In any other language, it would be described as running foreign policy on a short leash, with a little farsightedness and perspective in mind. This is an approach that reflects itself not only in the Middle East, but in other parts of the world as well. It tends

to react to events rather than to prevent or to pre-

Afghan Interim Government (AIG), said in Washington on Wednesday he had asked the United

States for high-altitude anti-aircraft weapons to use

against Soviet planes he alleged were still flying secret bombing missions over Afghanistan.

Pakistani military advisers for the rebel's failure to

military mistakes, the seven-party AIG has lost

credibility both among ordinary Afghans and inter-

nationally by the bitter divisions in its own ranks,

unity is a proposal unveiled last week for general

elections among Afghans in refugee camps and

rebel-held areas of the country to a 500-member

But at least one of the seven rebel parties, the

Hezb-i-Islami (Khalis) group, whose leader is the

AIG's interior minister, has condemned the plan as

"un-Islamic" because it allows both "good and

Mujahedeen sources say the election plan serves

mainly to draw the radical rebel leader Gulbuddin

Hekmatyar back into the rebel government and

Hekmatyar, officially the AIG's foreign minister,

suspended participation in August on the grounds

the rebel government had failed to hold a

The mujahedeen continue to demand the ousting

of Afghan President Najibullah - a former secret

police chief they say was responsible for the killings

The AIG's latest public bid for legitimacy and

which regularly crupt into internecine battles.

capture an Afghan city since February.

shura, or assembly, by next April.

bad" people to vote.

democratic ballot.

might never come to fruition.

Some Mujahedeen sources blame misplanning by

Diplomats in Islamabad say that whatever the

earliest sign of a storm.

And the situation is not any different in Moscow, Much of the Soviet Union's approach to regional problems, including that of the Middle East, lacks consistency and imagination and is equally reactive rather than preemptive, if not more exploitative than that of the United States.

A few examples come to mind. The Soviets still cannot make up their mind to what extent they should go along with the PLO and its political objectives and programme, Rhetorically, they lend as much support as the PLO wants to hear. In practice, they have made it clear that they have their own reservations about the PLO agenda, including that of a Palestinian state in the occupied territories. Their voting record at the United Nations is not any more commendable than that of the US.

They have made it clear that they are not very much in favour of PLO leader Yasser Arafat's full-

fledged peace initiative at any price.
Yet on the other hand, they have taken a series of steps in recent months to slowly upgrade their relations with Israel. They have increased the number of Soviet Jews who can emigrate to Israel despite appeals from the PLO and the Arab countries to the contrary. The carrot-and-the-stick approach is as much practiced by Moscow as it is by Washington.

Not long ago, a senior Soviet expert on the Middle East told a closed Georgetown university seminar that Moscow actually prefers a solution based on the principle of a federation with Jordan.

And that, in many ways, is not too far off from the American vision of a solution in the region. Publicly, however, the Kremlin continues to say it supports the principle of self-determination for the Palestinians, which obviously implies the establishment of an independent state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. No one in Moscow, however, cares to explain the ambivalence and the contradictions in the Soviet approach.

The way the Soviets have played the game in the Iran-Iran war and its aftermath also leaves a lot to be desired. The fact that they have aligned themselves with Iran over the last year speaks more about their short-sightedness and their concern for Afghanistan where Iran has a lot of influence - than about their concern for their traditional alliances with the Arabs, including Iraq, or their fears of the spread of Islamic fundamentalism.

The frightening proliferation of missiles, nuclear and otherwise, in the Middle East is yet another issue that begs to be discussed by the Soviet Union and the United States at a higher level than done so far,
Since experts have failed to limit the spread of

these deadly weapons in the region, only Bush and Gorbachev can take the kind of decisive action that will make a difference - if the will and determina-

Surely, both President Bush and General Secretary Gorbachev do realize that any further delay in addressing the complex problems of the Middle East will only buy more time for the hardlin-ers and will strengthen the hands of those who do not want to see any settlement anywhere in the region. Neither peace nor victory in sight

of thousands of Afghans in the early 1980s - before

any peace negotiations can begin.

Najibullah said early in 1989 he would be

prepared to step down if it would help a settlement

but has since changed his mind, apparently more confident of the survival of his regime.
"Time is on Najibullah's side. Perhaps the rebels

should have taken up his offer while they had the

There are signs, meanwhile, that Pakistan's

patience with the rebel government and five million

Afghan refugees on its soil is wearing thin after a

decade of support.
Authorities in Chitral district in northwest Pakis-

tan last week ordered rebel groups to move ammuni-

tion dumps away from populated areas and inside Afghanistan after an explosion in one that killed up

Diplomats point to an improvement in relations between Islamabad and Moscow, symbolised by

Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's role in securing the

The handover of the men at the AIG's Peshawar

release of two Soviet prisoners of war from Muja-

base brought a rare face-to-face meeting between

senior Soviet officials and rebel leaders. Soviet

ambassador Victor Yakunin made a conciliatory

speech and surprised observers by using their dis-

"Pakistan cannot abandon the mujahedeen but

has a lot to lose if there is no peace settlement for

years. It has armies of Afghans inside its borders

which are not under its control," one Pakistani

puted titles of "ministers" in a "government."

to 40 people.

hedeen hands on Monday.

official said privately.

chance," one Islamabad-based diplomat said.

"I would never have believed that I would leave this tournament as the winner. After all, apart from Steffi Graf, four other players are ahead of me in the world rankings." — Monica Seles of Yugoslavia after hammering out a victory over Manue.

All the well-known, famous people I've known in my life, I can't regret having known them, because for one thing it's something to measure by, the nonsense that gets written."

— widow of World War II leader Sir Oswald Mosley on

friendship with Adolf Hitler.

"It is no good rejoicing at the end of Soviet influence in Eastern Europe while one of the superpowers still regards Latin America as its backyard. The coming summit of the

"Some players have been too occupied in tournaments lately, and they came here tired mentally and physically. The team also suffers from the absence of world champion

"Most nations still recognise the Khmer Rouge as the legitimate government of Cambodia. The Khmer Rouge flag still flies outside the United Nations headquarters in New York. Cambodia is the only country in the world not eligible for UN aid. How can this be? How can a killer as

The quality and belief of a Muslim is in his heart. ... You

by police batons. The report, which spread like a bushfire through the city, was officially denied and later turned out to be mistaken. But by then the question was irrelevant, overshadowed by the size of the crowd after previous demonstrations had barely topped 10,000, and the realisation

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that "people power" had arrived. The size of the crowd grew daily, putting leadership, which was floundering.

On Tuesday, Nov 21, Prime Minister Ladislav Adamec, losing patience at the snail-like response from the party, opened talks with the opposition Civic Forum headed by Havel, a man he had dismissed a month earlier as "an absolute zero.

A day later the party was spurred to action as Dubcek returned to Prague in triumph from

political oblivion in his native Bratislava to address another huge crowd. An emergency meeting of the decision-makng Central Committee dropped party leader

Milos Jakes and six other hardliners from the politburo, and brought in two known refor-

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"They boil them alive, hang them, and even blowtorch them to death." — Richard Moore, director of the International Fund for Animal Welfare on how Koreans kill dogs and cats for consumption.

"I can't regret that, it was no interesting and fascinating.

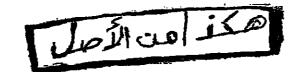
superpowers will be historic if it deals seriously with some of these issues. But if it dwells mainly on disarmament and recognition of each other's 'legitimate interests,' then nothing much will have been achieved."—Sunday Mail of Harare, Zimbabwe on the US-Soviet summit off Malta.

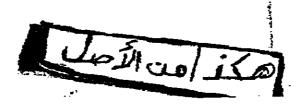
"It's going to be something new to split myself between career and family. My goal in tennis is to win Wimbledon because I haven't done it. And after that it's to win every tournament, of course. But next year I'm 30 and the time is coming when I'll quit. Wimbledon is not nearly as important as the life I have." — Czechosłovak Ivan Lendi on tennis and married life.

Gary Kasparov and former world champion Anatoly Karpov. The players aren't used to play without those two champions, and they have to adjust. — Alexander Roshol, a Soviet chess journalist on reasons for the Soviet team's slow start in the European chess championship.

bad as (Adolf) Hitler or (deposed Ugandan president) Idi Amin be supported by the world. — New Vision of Kampala, Uganda, on worldwide recognition of the Khmer Rouge as Cambodia's legitimate government.

have to know that if I get into politics one day I can become the leader of the Islamic world, because I am a true Muslim.— Meh-met Ali Agca, who tried to kill Pope John Paul II in 1981.





region ahead of the GCC summit.

over

missiles

for Syria

WASHINGTON, Dec 1, (Renter): The United States is concerned that China is develop-ing a short-range ballistic missile

capable of carrying nuclear or chemical warheads and is

negotiating to sell it to Syria and other Middle East nations.

Washington had urged China not to go through the sale of the M-9

missile to Syria, arguing that this could seriously destabilise the

hawking the missile for some time and we indicated that we wanted them back off," said one official who asked not to be identified.

With the M-9, a ground-launched surface-to-surface missile with a range of about 375 miles (600 km), Syria would be able to

threaten air bases in the south of

Israel. It cannot do so now and US

officials fear such a tilt in the

military equation could be

decisive in the event of another

But they could not confirm persistent Arab press reports that Beijing had already signed an agreement to sell the M-9 to Libya, although the indications of Syrian interest were firmer.

"They've displayed a model of the missile and an account of its

capabilities at international-

defence exhibitions and we know

that two senior Syrian defence

delegations have been in Beijing

Several US senators have

Former secretary of state

George Shultz and defence

secretary Frank Carlucci both

raised the issue of missile sales on

visits to China in the summer of

1988 after it became known that Beiling had sold intermediate-range CSS-2 ballistic missiles to Saudi Arabia.

Officials said they received

assurances that China would not sell that particular missile to anybody else but no assurances

Agron Karp, a Harvard University expert on ballistic missiles and the world arms trade, said:

"The Chinese realised the potes-

tial for Middle East arms sales

during the Iran-Iraq war. With the

M-9 missile, the Chinese are catering to a market that the

Soviets are dropping out of."

"The Chinese missile is being built so that it can be used on

Soviet Send missile launchers.

That gives them tremendous com-mercial appeal," Karp said.

The Scud is a relatively old and

China sold anti-ship Silkworm

missiles to Iran and tanks,

artillery and jet fighters to Iraq

toward the end of the eight-year

The Soviet Ambassador to

Damascus, Alexander Zotov, said recently the Soviet Union no lon-

ger endorsed Syria's ambition of

One way of doing this was to acquire an accurate ballistic mis-

strategic parity with Israel.

Iran-Iraq war.

inaccurate Soviet missile posses-sed by several Middle East

this year," a US official said.

expressed alarm.

Middle East war.

"The Chinese have been out

Middle East.

US officials and analysts said

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar

Velayati arrived in the small hours, saying

he was carrying a message from President Hashemi Rafsanjani to Sultan Qaboos.



An Alghan tribal militiaman with his automatic weapon slung over his shoulder walks through the embattled city of Khost. (Reuter wirephoto)

, junta faces strikes

KHARTOUM, Dec 1, (Ruter): Sudan's junta began its sixth month in power yeserday buoyed by a fresh military victory but beset by proteststrikes and accusations of slamic militancy.

Arab and Western diflomats said the 15-man militaly junta has failed to win the herts and minds of most Sudanes, partly because of growing dispicion that most of its memers were Muslim fundamentaliss.

The army on Widnesday recaptured Al Kurmuf near the Ethiopian border mee than a month after it was seized by southern rebels, figting since 1983 to end what hey see as Muslim domination of the mainly Christian sorth.

The junta, led by General Omar Hassan Al ashir, seized power in a June D coup which toppled the elected government of Sades Al Mind, recturaines Afghanissan, the spokesman Africa's larget country to said this is a question between military cuts for the fourth time. Afghans." military rule for the fourth time Afghans."
since independence in 1956. Zahir was

It has denied allegations by Sudanese and banned political parties and trade unions that the coup was engineered by the militant National Islamic Front

(NIF) Party.

The latest such allegation was made in a statement signed by more than © unions and parties which called on Sudanese to rise

against military rule. The diplomats said there were many signs that the junta subs-

cribed to militant Islamic University Khartoum

students belonging to or sympathising with the NI- on Wednesday won all 40 seats in elections for the students' union.

The junta itself this week echoed charges often made by the NIF in the past, saying communists were responsible for a doctors' one-week walkout which began on Sunday.

It has also accused the doctors of timing their stoppage to undermine the Nairobi talks and of constituting a fifth column, a charge often made by the NIF against leftists during Mahdi's three years in office.

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Difficulties shoot down newspaper

ISTANBUL, Dec 1, (Reuter): A Turkish mass-circulation daily newspaper, whose journalists were frequent targets of enraged gun-toting

readers, closed yesterday. The colourful cut-price Gazete newspaper was launched in 1988 by the Hurriyet holding as publishing group.

Three Gazete reporters were shot this month by people they wrote about. One of the reporters died. But the newspaper said this was not the reason for its collapse.

"We were beaten, but not broken. We were shot and martyred, but did not fear.

Sudan's Soviet bid on Afghan peace

Zahir Shah contacted

ROME, Dec 1, (UPI): Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze had talks with the exiled former king Mohammed Zahir Shah of Afghanistan yes-terday and said the discussions were "a useful step and a neces-sary meeting" for resolving the

Afghan conflict.

The Soviet news agency Tass said the two discussed how to obtain "a political solution to the Afghan problem." Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov described the encounter at the exiled king's small villa on the northern outskirts of Rome as "an exchange of opinions on problems of com-

mon interest. A spokesman for the 75-year-old Afghan monarch said the meeting lasted one hour and took place "thanks to the good offices of the Italian government and other personalities who have met Zahir Shah recently."

Asked if it might be possible for the king to return home to

Zahir was in Italy for medical treatment when he was overthrown in a communist-supported coup in 1973. He has lived at his Roman villa since then, rarely speaking out about the problems of his homeland.

Shevardnadze told reporters little about the substance of the talks.

"I have had very interesting and, I would say, useful discussions. Their agenda already is well known — an Afghan solution and peace in Afghanistan."
"I think that this was a useful step and a necessary meeting," Shevardnadze said.

The spokesman for the king also was guardedly optimistic. "It was a chance for the exsovereign of Afghanistan to express his opinion for a free and independent Afghanistan, in which the people would be free to choose its own government."
In June 1987, the exiled-mon-

arch refused a proposal to share power with Afghan Communist Party Secretary-General Najibuliah. But in December 1988 the for-

mer king met with an envoy of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorba-chev, Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli Vorontosov, a former Soviet ambassador to Kabul. It was the first meeting bet-

ween Shevardnadze and the 74year-old ex-king. The two talked for an hour at an Italian government villa in Rome, Zahir Shah's son-in-law and chief aide General Abdoul Wali told Reuters. Wali said the talks were at the

Soviet foreign minister's request "through the good offices of the Italian government for an exchange of views on the Afghan Western analysts and many

"war-weary Afghans see Zahir" Shah's return as the best chance Tor ending the civil war. Zahir Shah, who this year also

had talks with US officials, ha said he is willing to go home and help lead an interim government
— a role that the United States and Pakistan appear willing to consider — provided he is asked to do so by the Afghan people. But some radical factions

among the Muslim rebels, and their backers in Afghanistan, are bitterly opposed to the king, say-ing he represents the old feudal order that they want to replace with Islamic law.

In September, the Kabul government said the king had a long-standing invitation to come to the Afghan capital "and contribute to the peace process."
Wali declined to say what

regarding the M-9.

Since then, Washington's ability to influence China has been exactly the two men discussed hampered by a freeze in relations nor say if there were plans for any following Beijing's crushing of the more meetings between Soviet pro-democracy movement last officials and Zaher Shah.

Syrian agent shot dead in S. Lebanon

SIDON, Dec 1, (Agencies): Gunmen shot dead a Lebanese member of Syria's intelligence service and wounded another near the southern port of Sidon yester-

day, security sources said.

They said the unknown gunmen opened fire from a speeding car on Hassan Awarki and Abdullah Hamdar as they entered a shop in the village of Abra east of Sidon.

Awarki died instantly while Hamdar, also a Lebanese, was rushed to a nearby hospital in critical condition.

Various Palestinian groups have bases in Sidon's refugee camps of Ain Al-Hilweh and Miych Miych where several officials have been assassinated in recent months.

Turkey has asked Syria to order its troops in Beirut to evacuate the unused Turkish embassy building in the embattled Lebanese capital, an official

Turkish Foreign Ministry spokesman Murat Sungar said that Turkish authorities had been informed that a number of Syrian troops had entered the embassy building and that there were also plans to settle several groups of militia and refugees

He said Syria's ambassador to Turkey was summoned to the Foreign Ministry on Wednesday and told that the Syrian troops had to be ordered to leave the building which was closed down in view of the ongoing Lebanese

Norway will review its peacekcepng role in south Lebanon after losing a soldier in a firefight, but will probably remain active, Desence Minister Per Ditlev-Simonsen said.

"We know the UN peacekeeping force is a dangerous assignment, but this and other tragedies make the time right for a review," Ditley-Simonsen said at a news conference, in Oslo. Pvt Rune Opland, 23, was

sile. It repeatedly asked for Soviet SS-23 missiles but was turned down and that missile has now killed on Wednesday in a clash been destroyed under the terms of with pro-iranian fighters near the US-Soviet intermediatethe southern village of Kawkata, range nuclear forces agreement. security sources in Beirut said.

MUSCAT, Dec 1, (Agencies): Oman was host yesterday to both Iranian and Iraqi officials as the sultanate apparently escalated its efforts to boost security in the tion Council.

sign a formal peace pact.

On the same day, staff Brig. Ayoub Mehdi Saleh of the Iraqi Defence Minis-Oman, along with other GCC countries who have good ties with Tehran, have try arrived bearing a message from his minister Gen. Abdul Jabbar Shanshal to stepped up their efforts to help the previously warring Gulf neighbours reach his Omani counterpart Fahr Bin

Qaboos is chairing the Dec 18 annual summit of the six-nation Gulf Co-Opera-

Hostilities in the Iran-Irq war ended in August of last year with a UN-sponsored ceasefire, but the two countries have yet to

a final peace settlement.
Additionally, Oman has been interested

Oman tries to stabilise Gulf peace

in helping restore ties between Tehran and Riyadh. Saudi Arabia broke diplomatic relations with Iran in April 1988 after accusing Iran of terrorism and subversion. Velayati was on a tour of five African

and Arab countries. The Islamic Republic news agency said he was discussing with leaders of those countries the recent visits to Tehran and Baghdad of UN special envoy Jan Elias-

Eliasson failed to produce a breakthrough in the stalled peace talks. The Iranian agency said Velayati was telling officials in the countries he is visiting that Iraq is to blame for the lack of progress.

Velayati came to Muscat from neigh bouring South Yemen, where he congratulated the country's leaders on the eve of the 22nd anniversary of their independence from Britain.

He expressed Iran's blessing for a developing a confederation between Marxist South Yemen and its conservative neighbours in North Yemen.

Before South Yemen, Velayati visited Kenya, Zambia and Tanzania.

Meanwhile, two delegations from Iran were in the UAE on missions to develop further the traditionally active trade ties between the two countries.

Concern Intifada clear call to end occupation

Move on Palestine status at UN table

UNITED NATIONS, Dec 1, (Agencies): UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip had sent the world a direct and unequivocal message of rejection of the Israeli occupation.

Speaking in commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people, he said he was concerned that valuable time was passing and that the willingness to negotiate might be eroded by

"While it is, of course, essential to pursue every initiative that might help bridge the gaps between the parties and bring them to the negotiating table, I cannot but be concerned by the fact that valuable time is passing and that the willingness to negotiate that exists today may be eroded by bitterness resulting from events on the ground," Perez de Cuellar said.

He said that few international issues were as complex or potentially dangerous as the Arab-Israeli conflict, of which the question of Palestine was at the

"My regret at the lack of progress in resolving this question is all the greater given the significant steps that have been taken towards the resolution of other regional disputes."

Perez de Cuellar said that the message of the intifada remained direct and unequivocal, "namely, that this occupation will continue to be rejected and that the Palestinian people will remain committed to the exercise of their legitimate political rights, including self-determina-tion."

A resolution to recognise the Palestine Liberation Organisation as a non-voting nation in the General Assembly was introduced yesterday, but the United States says it won't pay its UN dues if it passes.

"A cutoff of funding would be e inevitable result of any such action by international organisations," the State Department

Arab League agreed on the wording of the resolution at a meeting on Wednesday night.
It calls for a comprehensive

Middle East peace settlement, but also says the PLO "has the powers and responsibilities of the provisional government of the State of Palestine." The resolution, formally

introduced and circulated yesterday, says the PLO "shall be construed, within the United Nations, as the State of Pales-

The designation would elevate the PLO from being an organisation to non-voting observer nation status, equal to North and South Korea, Switzerland, Mon-

Baker hopes against hope

WASHINGTON, Dec 1, (UPI): Secretary of State James Baker said his hopes for setting up Israeli-Palestinian negotiations are still alive, despite reports that the Palestine Liberation Organisation has rejected key Israeli demands. At the White House, Baker said, "this is a very intractable problem. You

measure progress in small steps. I said I was going to remain engaged in the process as long as there was any hope at all — any hope — we might be successful. That remains our position and that remains basically the status." Baker has been trying to get the PLO and Israel to agree on five points that would lay out the framework for setting up eventual Palestinian-Israeli discussion on the future of the West Bank and Gaza, including the crucial issue of

Palestinian elections. He said he had talked in the last two days to Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismet Abdel Meguid, who is acting as the channel for communications with the PLO.

Baker did not say what those conversations entailed, but sources close to the
PLO have been circulating publicly what has been described as a summary of the
answer that was relayed to Baker through Meguid.

The PLO position, as reported by the sources, collided directly with the Israeli conditions on several key points:

Representation: Israel insists there can be no direct PLO participation in the

talks. The PLO says that "a readiness to hold a dialogue" requires the participation of the PLO, since it alone is the designated representative of the Palestinians in the occupied territories.

Agenda: Israel insists that the preliminary meetings must be restricted to the

single issue of setting up ground rules for elections. The PLO position is that the agenda must be open and without conditions, with each side having the right to ise any subject it wishes.

Forum: The Israelis and the United States want a low-key preliminary meeting with only the parties directly concerned, including the United States and Egypt, if desired by the parties. The PLO says that the meeting should be held under the auspices of the United Nations, and it should be a preliminary for a larger international conference, also under the umbrella of the United Nations, including the Soviet Union and China.

aco, San Marino and the

The State Department says it will halt all US funds for the United Nations if the General Assembly approves the step. The United States is assessed \$216 million annually, one-fourth of the UN budget.
The State Department said it

has "been engaged in vigorous efforts to head off any such PLO initiative, which would have serious consequences for the United Nations and complicate the peace process."

"We are urging that this "des-tructive" resolution be withdrawn or, at a minimum, that any action on it be deferred,"

said a State Department official. A Western diplomat, speaking privately, said the 12 European Economic Community nations are continuing their efforts to head off the resolution, but have had no success so far.

Departing from his prepared text, the PLO's foreign affairs spokesman blasted the United States for threatening to cut off funding to the United Nations. Switching from Arabic to

English, Farouk Kaddoumi told the General Assembly, "the United States claims to uphold democracy and free choice, but besides denying the Palestinians free choice it now seeks to deny it to the members of the United Nations.'



Aoun gathers support

Michel Aoun (in fatigues) stands with a group of French deputies, who arrived in Beirut to support Aoun in his 'War of Liberation' against Syria. Aoun also refused to step down and give power to the new government. (Reuter wirephoto)

North and South Yemens agree to hold referendum on unified constitution

ADEN, Dec 1, (AP): The leaders of North and South Yemen, after dropping their plans to proclaim an immediate confederation, agreed instead today to hold a referendum on a unified constitu-

tion within a year. North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh and the Secretary-General of Aden's Yemeni Socialist Party, Ali Salem Al Beidh, made the announ-Cement at the conclusion of talks here. The two presidents said they agreed that the proposed constitution will be debated by their legislative bodies within

sax months.

Within another six months from approval by the Shura, or consultative council in North Yemen and the People's Congress in South Yemen, the referendum will be held.

Interior ministers of both countries will oversee the process while Arab countries will be invited to send representatives, the announcement said. The electorate will also choose candidates for a unified legislative body, the

announcement said.

President Ali Abdullah Saleh arrived on Wednesday, a day earlier than scheduled, and immediately went into talks with leaders of the ruling Socialist Party rather than with President Heider

The diplomats, who spoke on condition they not be named, said this indicated the planned proclamation to set up a confederal republic of Yemen had not been finalised.

The Marxist state of South Yemen celebrated the 22nd anniversary of its independence from Britain with rallies and fiery speeches yesterday. But plans for an announcement of confederation with conservative North Yemen failed to

Arab diplomats and North Yemeni sources said South Yemen was not yet ready for quick and sweepings steps towards merger.
Saleh had said that his proposal for the

confederation could be dropped in favour of other alternatives from Aden. with both leaders insisting that merger remained their objective.

The two Yemens have been pledged to a merger since the early 1970s despite the difference of ideologies between the Arab world's only self-styled communist country and the conservative rule in North Yemen prevailing in Sana'a since

the 1962 toppling of the monarchy.

The merger plans have been fostered by the oil-rich Arab countries that finance the two impoverished Yemens, which control the strategic Indian Ocean entrance to the Red Sea.

The announcement said the draft constitution was on the basis of talks held under Kuwaiti sponsorship in 1981.

North Yemen has always appeared more cager for the merger, with a nationwide belief that the two states should regain their pre-colonial status as one country then known only as the Yemen.

250,000 traffic tickets in 2 weeks

CAIRO, Dec 1, (Reuter): Egyptian police have handed out almost 250,000 traffic tickets during a two-week crackdown on Cairo's undisciplined drivers.

Newspapers said about 33,000 tickets were given to Cairo drivers for leaving their vehicles in no-parking areas, 23,850 for running red light signals and at least 13,000 to others for blasting their horns unnecessarily.

MIDEAST **BRIEFS**

Lebanese released

NICOSIA, Dec 1, (APr. fran yesterday freed four Lebanese captured as they fought for Iraq, after their release was requested by Druze leader Walid Jumblatt, the Islamic

Republic News Agency said.
The agency said the four men had requested that Iran pardon them for their "mistake." They were quoted as saying they were foreibly recruited

Anglo-iraqi talks

LONDON, Dec 1, (Kuna): Britain's Foreign Office Minister William Waldegrave conferred last evening with the Under-Secretary at Iraq's Foreign Ministry, Wisam Al Zah-awi, on the latest efforts to secure a lasting peace in the Gulf.

The Foreign Office said that Al Zahawi re-affirmed to Waldegrave

his country's pledge to securing a permanent peace with Iran on the basis of the UN Security Council Architect dies CAIRO, Dec 1, (AP): Architect Has-

san Fathy, who turned mud bricks into architectural masterpieces, died yesterday after a brief illness. He was

iser, said Fathy had developed a fever on Wednesday. Early Thursday, he collapsed as he returned to his bed,

Nawal Hassan, a friend and adv-

Euphrates flow talks DAMASCUS, Dec 1, (Reuter): Syrian, Iraqi and Turkish officials met to discuss the waters of the Euphrates river, Turkish Ambas-sador to Syria Erhan Tuncil said. He told Reuters the talks by irriga-

tion technical experts from the three countries were part of a regular series started in 1980.

Call for strike OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Dec 1, underground leadership called a three-day strike in the Jerusalem are in memory of two brothers killed by Israeli soldiers, Palestinian sources

Troops shot and killed two masked men late Wednesday after they attacked Israeli vehicles with stones on the main road between Jerusalem and the West Bank town of Ramaliah, an army spokesman

insults traded

UNITED NATIONS, Dec 1 (Reuter): Israel and Syria traded insults in the UN General Assembly on Wednesday night after the Israeli ambassador strongly objected to being called "the representative of

the Zionist entity."
Interrupting the Syrian delegate's speech, Ambassador Johanan Bein said: "I was called not by my name and I think that the president should rule that countries in the United Nations should be called by their

Four shot dead in Nablus

NABLUS, West Bank, Dec 1, (Reuter): Israeli forces shot dead four members of an underground Palestinian group today in a gunlight in the centre of Nablus, an army spokesman

He said the leader of the Black Panthers group, Imad Nasser, 25, was among those killed. Three other Panthers were wounded and arrested and no Israeli soldiers were hurt.

Palestinian sources quoted witnesses as saying troops attacked the Panthers in a barbershop in the casbah (market) of Nablus, the largest town in the occupied West Bank with a population of 120,000.

At least one of the Palestinians returned fire with a US-made M-16 assault rifle, the army said, Nablus residents and inter-

national relief workers said the clash prompted widespread demonstration in defiance of an army curfew on Nablus and three nearby refugee camps. Militant youths of the Black

hacked to death a number of Arabs suspected of collaborating with Israeli authorities. The leader of a similar Nablus group, the Red Eagles, was shot dead in an army raid on his

hideout last month.

Panthers have shot, stabbed and

The latest deaths raised the toll in the nearly two-year-old Palestinian revolt to 587 Arabs killed by Israeli soldiers or settlers, 150 Arabs killed by other Palestinians - mostly suspected collaborators - and 44 Jews killed by Palestinians.

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Aguino vows

Philippine President Corazon Aquino vowed to smash a coup attempt by army rebels to seize power during a television appearance. (Reuter

Bush gets chance to show his mettle

Support for an ally

WASHINGTON, Dec 1, (Reuter): The attempted coup in the Philip-pines has given US President George Bush a chance to show support for an important ally and a way to try to reverse his reputation for indecision and timidity, analysts said today.

Bush, acting at the request of Philippine President Corazon Aquino, today authorised US warplanes to give air cover to ground troops in their battle against rebel

The decision marked Bush's first major show of force since taking office 11 months ago from Ronald Reagan, who was not hesitant to use US troops as a policy instrument, notably in Libya, Grenada, Lebanon and the Gulf.

Ernest Preeg, the State Departthe Philippines in 1985 and 1986, said Bush had shown he was "certainly up to committing US forces and taking concrete action, which he didn't do in

Bush had the potential to reap a political windfall if Aquino prevails, thanks to even minimum US involvement. Preeg said.

Although the circumstances were very different, critics assailed Bush for missing an opportunity to remove Panama's de facto ruler, General Manuel Antonio Noriega, by moving too slowly during an abortive coup there on Oct 3.

Bush, like Reagan before him, had repeatedly urged the overthrow of Noriega, who has been indicted in the United States on drug-trafficking charges. Noriega has denied the

But Bush was reluctant to back the plotters there until it was too late. Critics faulted the administration for lack of planning and co-ordination. The latest uprising in the Philip-pines is the sixth against Aquino since she swept to power in a popular revolt in 1986 that toppled long-time

US ally Ferdinand Marcos. But the US has never before deployed its forces to help those loyal self against charges that he lacks the stature and imagination to lead the West through the current upheavals in the Soviet Union and Eastern

(Continued from Page 1) Army Col Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan made bombing runs at the palace in the face of fierce

Honasan, 41, led an Aug 28. 1987, rebelion that killed 53 people and nearly ousted Aquino, who has crushed six coup atternpts. Honasan, who escaped last pril from a prison ship, told Manila newspapers last week he would try another coup against Aquino, accusing her of corruption and incompetence.

Aquino, facing the strongest challenge in nearly four years as

President, issued a statement in

the evening saying the rebel hol-douts were "desperate."

Bush In Washington, Rear Adm. Edward Sheafer told a news con-

ference US officials were "cautiously optimistic" the coup would fail."

US President George Bush monitored the situation from

Malta, site of his meeting with

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorba-

chev. Bush, saying "we're doing

what has been requested of us," authorised US fighter planes to

help Aquino's forces as he flew to

In Washington, US military spokesman Pete Williams said US Air Force F-4 Phantom figh-

ter-bombers from Clark Air Base

in the Philippines scrambled into the air over two Philippine air bases to prevent rebel planes from taking off and participating

None of the US planes fired

The US air support was

provided at the request of

Aquino at 11:30 pm yesterday (430 GMT Friday), Williams

In addition, about 100 of 800

Marines were dispatched from

the US base at Subic Bay to the US embassy in Manila to protect and defend the US compound,

Williams said. There was no

There are about 15,000 US for-

In Manila, US embassy spok-esman David Andresen told

CNN "there are over 100,000

American citizens in the Philip-

pines, but as far as the embassy

knows, there have been no

Aquino, announcing her request for US air cover, said,

this should complete the anni-

hilation of the air assets of the

the US assistance was "some-

thing we needed and a friendly

The United States maintains two

major bases in the Philippines -Subic naval base, and Clark Air base, home of the 13th Air Force and the largest American air base

outside the continental United

Retaken

scout rangers seized the army

headquarters at Fort Bonifacio,

the Air Force headquarters at

At the assault's beginning early today, crack marines and

Her spokesman Azcuna said

The Philippines are of vital strategic importance to the United States in the Far East.

injuries to Americans...

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shots or tried to intercept rebel

Philippine aircraft in the air,

in the coup attempt

Williams said.

"We should anticipate the rebel forces will seek to bring down with them as many of us as they can," said the 56-year-old

anti-aircraft fire.

former housewife.

Europe.

This president is diddling around with his paddle in the pond without realising that we're near Niagara Falls," James Barber, a Duke University political scientist, said in a typical indictment of past Bush cau-

tion on a number of issues.

Bush ordered the US intervention on the recommendation of the National Security Council, which was convened at the White House shortly before midnight on Thursday by Vice President Dan Quayle.

Besides burnishing the image of Bush as a decision-maker, the intervention may also enhance the standing of Quayle. The vice president's spokesman, David Beckvith, called reporters early today to volunteer a detailed account of the decision-making process, including Quayle's role.

The full scope of US military efforts to help the Aquino government

was not immediately clear.

Beckwith said US warplanes were flying over two rebel-held air forces es to prevent any takeoffs, a move

specifically requested by Aquino. Rebel planes had bombed Aquino's presidential palace this indication of any fighting bet-ween the Marines and rebel formorning, and helicopter gunships backed by the World War II-vintage T-28s blasted two loyalist military ces in the Philippines, including installations in the centre of the 9,000 Air Force and 5,000 navy capital,

ion to deploy US ai power in the Philippines contrasted with the cautious, plodding style that has characterised his administration

The Philippines is critical to the United States because it hosts two of the largest US overseas bases -Clark Air Force Base and Subic Bay

Naval Station.
The Philippines bases help counter
Soviet military power in the Far East
and maintain a balance of forces in

the area. The Philippines installa-tions also support US forces operat-ing around Japan and in the Indian Ocean and Gulf. to the government. Bush has also had to defend him-

US routinely lambasted

Too much involved

MANILA, Dec 1, (AP): President Corazon Aquino, swept to power three years

ago on a crest of nationalism and democracy, owes her political survival to a

armed coup attempt after rebel airmen bombed the presidential palace, two military bases and a TV station.

battle -- was US President George Bush, who as vice president once praised her authoritarian predecessor, Ferdinand Marcos, for his respect for democracy.

cover." the mass outpouring that propelled her to power in 1986 and supported her during a tense August 1987 coup attempt. But this time, the people stayed out of the fight, and it was the American military that bailed her out.

That was one of several ironies in America's historic role in this former US colony Manula newspapers routinely criticise US policy as imperialistic and meddlesome. Yet the US embassy issues more immigrant visas every year than

The embassy estimates that up to 100,000 Americans live here, many of them

spouses of Filipinos. That is in addition to the 40,000 troops, military depen-

dents and Defence Department civilians at the bases.

America's role in the Philippines began during the Spanish-American war, when the United States forged an alliance with Filipino nationalists lighting for

freedom from Spain.
US warships under Commodore George Dewey defeated the Spanish fleet in Manila Bay on May 1, 1898. But in a double-cross Filipinos will never forget, the

United States simply replaced Spain as the colonial power. That triggered a

brutal war between the Americans and their former Fllipino allies, which peaked in 1901 but festered for several years.

partners in governing the islands. But the Americans, unlike the Spanish, introduced mass education, including training in English.

The Philippines became a largely self-governing commonwealth in 1935 and independent in 1946.

Like the Spanish, the Americans courted the Filipino upper class as their

Aguino called on the public to face Friday's revolt with a show of "people

US figher jets Friday joined the battle to save the Aquino government from an

The man who authorised the US move - seen as a turning point in Friday's

nation routinely lambasted here for meddling in Philippine affairs.

Aquino beats 'Gringo' coup

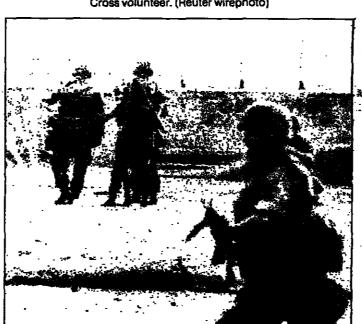
10-minute gunbattle in Makati financial district



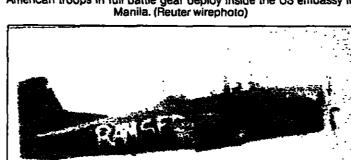
Rebel soldiers take their position in a government television station in



Troops loyal to Aquino and a civilian carry a wounded Philippine Red Cross volunteer. (Reuter wirephoto)



American troops in full battle gear deploy inside the US embassy in



T-28 rebel bomber plane circles around the television station in Manila. (Reuter wirephoto)

Villamor Air base, the adjacent Manila international airport and before nightfall. Along a coastal the government television network, officials said. By this evening, government troops had retaken the airport driving to the capital.

and operations there would from the northern regional resume as soon as security for passengers could be assured, said Capital Command Chief Biazon. Pockets of rebels also seized parts of the armed forces headquarters at Camp Aguin-

aldo and the police headquarters at Camp Crame. Rebel troops backed by two armoured vehicles pushed to within blocks of the presidential palace today, but Presidential Guards and police counter-attacked and drove them away road, police and soldiers also beat back rebel reinforcements Seven truckloads of soldiers

headquarters at Camp Olivas in Pampanga provinces arrived in the capital in the evening to reinforce government troops. Loyal-ist troops also came from the south, authorities said.

The uprising leaders issued no formal statements but one mutineer said their dissatisfaction was with the government, not the constitution. "We are for the constitution,"

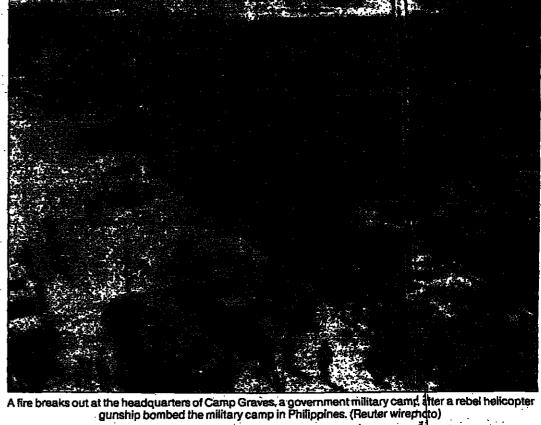
the rebel told United Press Inter-

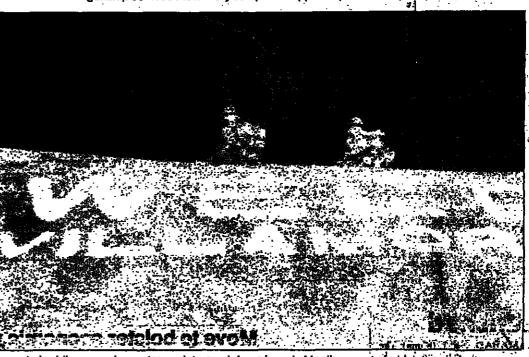
for one man alone. We are hard up. Our trainces have not yet received their salaries." Aquino, in a statement issued

to reporters at mid-afternoon said, "the advantages are still ours in the conflict" and said her forces were consolidating in preparation for a "major push." Earlier today, minutes after

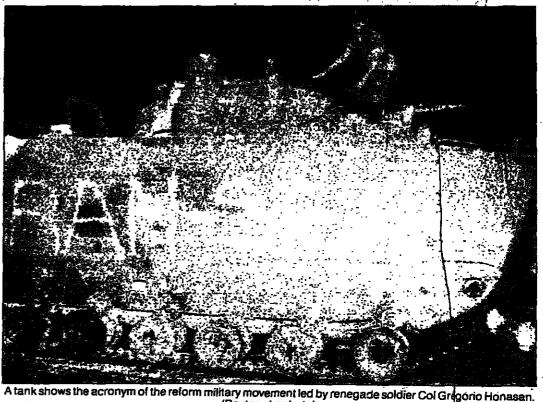
she addressed the nation by television, a rebel helicopter bombed the station, knocking the only functioning private television station, Channel 9, off the air and wounding several civilians.

The chopper then fired rockets at national police headquarters at Camp Crame and the armed forces general headquarters at





Two rebel soldiers guard an entrance into an air force base in Manila, a part of which they had taken over. (Reuter wirephoto)



(Reuter wirephoto) Manila, a radio news report said.

Camp Aguinaldo. The fourth floor of the police headquarters building was gutted. The quarters of the military chief also was bombed and razed and two members of his household were wounded, news reports said.

Later in the day, news reports aid a rebel armoured vehicle blasted the channel 9 transmitter two hours after it resumed operations, shutting the private station down for a second time. In the first report of defection

in the provinces, some 200 rebel soldiers took control of the airport, the telephone company and radio station DZRC in the popular tourist centre of Legaspi, 200 miles southeast of

The governor of northern Cagayan province said troops in his region were moving toward Manila to support the uprising.

Military operations Chief Brig. Gen. Lisandro Abadia said 20 officers and 16 soldiers defected to the rebels at Camp Aguinaldo, taking over the logistics command at the facility without firing a shot. In one television address,

Aquino asked for public support, cautioning there may be another historic need for "people power," referring to the slogan of her 1986 militarycivilian rebellion.

"Military camps in Metro

Manila and throughout the country have stood steadfast by the government and are, at this very moment, sending their for-ces to our side, the President said.

The British government today condemned any attempt to remove the democratically elected government of the Philippines by military force."

Israel today expressed its support for Aquind and praised US military action against rebel officers trying to overthrow her. The West German govern-

ment also denounced the attempt by rebels to overthrow the democratic regime of the Philip-

Philippines Today

any American consular mission in the world.

Moros kili 10 by mistake: Suspected Muslim rebels sprayed a passenger vehicle with automatic gunfire, killing 10 people and wounding six others in a remote mountain area of Mindanao island, military sources said Thurs-

The victims in Wednesday's attack were also Muslims, and military sources and survivors

speculated the ambush was a mistake. Military sources said the vehicle was travelling after sundown to the town of Buildon when about seven gunmen believed to be members of the Moro National Liberation Front opened fire near Barira, about 40 kms (26 miles) east of Cotabato, 865 kms (540 miles) south of Manila. Military sources said the ambushers may have

mistaken the vehicle for a military van because of the darkness. They said the rebels did not loot the



A policeman with pistol drawn struggles with Filipino squatters after a riot. (Reuter wirephoto)

vehicle as they usually do after such attacks. (AP)

Philippines rigged polis: A group of Muslim leaders accused the government on Thur-sday of rigging results in four provinces that approved an autonomy plan for the southern Philippines, and urged Manila to initiate talks with them to address unrst.

"There was rigging and cheating and tamper-ing of election returns," said Datu Abdul Khayr Alonto, vice president for Muslim affairs in the opposition Nacionalista Party and chairman of a movement opposing the government's autonomy

Alonto and Ustaz Zain Jali of the rebel Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) led opposition Muslims in singing a joint statement issued during a news conference.

The statement condemned the government plan giving limited autonomy to Muslim areas on Mindanao island and called the Nov 19 polls "a

sham." (Reuter wirephoto)

Thousand march in Manila: Thousands marched Thursday to denounce government-mandated fuel price increases, and ilitant labour leaders called for selective strikes culminating in a nation-wide work stoppage.

A major labour confederation urged President
Corazon Aquino to begin talks with workers on

the economic situation because of mounting inflation, an electricity crisis and deterioration of Manila's public transport system.

The moves came one day after the government

raised the prices of nine grades of petroleum, including gasoline, diesel and cooking fuel. The increase, which took effect Thursday, boosted fuel prices between 21 and 34 per cent depending on the product.
About 10,000 militant workers and students

rallied Thursday in a Manila square to protest the

increase and to call for closing the six US military bases here. (AP)

Marcos diverted \$15 million: Former Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos diverted \$15 million in US Agency for International Development Funds for his own use,

court papers filed by prosecutors afleged Wednesday.

The papers, filed in US district court in Manhattan, also contained a "Dearest Nancy" letter from Imelda Marcos to Nancy Reagan seeking her help in avoiding a deposition in connection with a civil suit against the couple.

The documents, filed by the prosecution in Mrs. Marcos' racketeering case, also included a "Dear Mr. President" letter from the exiled Ferdinand

Marcos to Reagan expressing gratitude for helping his family flee to Hawaii in 1986.

Ferdinand Marcos died in Honolulu Sept 28. The Marcoses, Saudi Arabian financier Adnan Khashoggi and seven others were charged in October 1988 with stealing \$103 million in Philippine funds and then defrauding US banks of \$165 million to finance the purchase of some \$300 million in prime Manhattan real estate.

In a superseding indictment handed up March 9, prosecutors charged they illegally obtained an additional \$77 million from the Philippines and

The personal letters were filed in response to defense contentions that the Marcoses were "abducted" from the Philippines and therefore did not have to pay US taxes on their wealth.

LONDON. Dec 1, (AP): The US dollar rose against all major foreign currencies today in quiet European trading dealers said.

Gold prices were up sharply. Profit-taking on the West German mark helped raise the dollar, traders said.

The market shrugged off news of weaker-than-expected economic data. The US index of leading indicators fell 0.4 per cent in October, slightly below expecta-tions of an 0.3 per cent decline.

"It's Friday, it's December, and everyone's beginning to fin-ish for the year," said a corporate dealer at a Swiss bank in London, explaining the market's lethargic mood. Volume tends to evaporate

toward the end of the year, as market players hesitate to risk profits or add to their losses. In Tokyo, the dollar rose to a

closing 143.08 Japanese yen from 142.90 yen at Thursday's close. Later, in London, it fell to 143.05

In London, the British pound fell to \$1.5665 from \$1.5700 late Thursday.

Other late dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Thursday:

■ 1.7825 West German marks, up from 1.7800 1.5925 Swiss francs, up from

■ 6.0875 French francs, up from ■ 2.0150 Dutch guilders,

■ 1,313.25 Italian lire, up from 1,311.50 ■ 1.1662 Canadian dollars, up from 1.1632.

Gold rose in London to a late bid price of \$414.00 a troy ounce, up from \$410.60 bid late Thurs-

In Zurich, the metal rose to a closing bid of \$415.00, up from \$409.50 bid late Thursday.

Women bank launched

ISLAMABAD, Dec 1, (Kuna): The first Pakistani bank exclusively meant for women was launch Karachi today by senior Federal Minister Begum Nusrat Bhutto. Called "The First Woman Bank", it has been fluated with an initial

capital of rupees 10 million. It will be run by an all-female staff headed by leading Pakistani woman banker Mrs Akram Khatoon, who has been appointed its president. Begum Bhutto opened her account as first depositor of the bank.

KUWAIT, Dec 1, (Kuna): Following are the international currency rate quoted by local banks and amounced by the Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

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KUWAIT, Dec 1. (Kuna): Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

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Mulroney suggests bigger role for Soviets in world trade

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WASHINGTON, Dec 1, (UPI): Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, saying Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev "is for real," urged President Bush yesterday to support giving the Soviet Union a greater role in Western trade and financial alliances.

Mulroney, who said Bush responded favourably to the advice, disclosed his recommendations after a 2 1/2-hour private dinner at the White House to report on his recent weeklong trip to Moscow. Bush is preparing for a week-end summit with Gorbachev off the

Mediterranean island nation of Malta. The Canadian prime minister said he urged Bush to support granting the Soviet Union "observer status" in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, or GATT, the international

trade organisation.

Mulroney said he also urged that the chairman of the Group of Seven Western industrialised nations, or G-7, meet with Gorbachev after each annual meeting to keep the Soviet leader informed about monetary decisions. Bush will be chairman of the G-7's

the United States in May or June.

Mulroney also said he suggested that a series of steps be taken to bring the Soviet Union into the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, moves the United States has opposed in

Mulroney said "some gestures" could be made to help the Soviets economically and added: "We think that the President could consider observer status" for the Soviets at the GATT

GATT, founded on Jan 1, 1948, by 23 nations, was designed to develop freer trade patterns among its members. By the 1980s, the organisation had more than 90 member nations, which accounted for 85 per cent of total world

Although not a member of GATT, the Soviet Union on Aug 22, 1986. asked to observe the forthcoming GATT conference in Uruguay.

Bush escorted Mulroney to the south

lawn after Wednesday's dinner where the Canadian leader spoke to reporters

before flying back to Ottawa. "I can't tell you how much I appreciate your advice," Bush told Mulroney.
Asked how Bush responded to the

advice, Mulroney said: "I think he kind of liked it. He said Gorbachev "wants to

integrate his economy to those that have known success. He has a long way Last July, the Soviet leader messaged the G-7 summit leaders in Paris that he was interested in joining their group, but they were cool to the idea.

end shipboard summit: "President Gorbachev looks on the summit, not with a view to achieving any miracles," Mulroney said, "but to have major accomplishments down the road. I think he's in the long haul for

Mulroney said "we think that President Gorbachey is for real and

that he is in for the long haul ... and

some of his suggestions are worthy of

thoughtful and generous response."
He said he thought Bush and Gorba-

chev would make strides at their week-

'New bank ratings should be reconsidered'

Economists fight against Europe's banking rules

KUWAIT, Dec 1, (AP): Prominent economists and bankers in the Gulf Co-operation Council member states have come out fighting against expanding banking restrictions in the West, particularly in the European Economic Community, with which

they have close banking ties. The Basle-based Bank for International Settlements, a grouping of central banks in the industrialised world, has drawn up capital adequacy guidelines that may force banks to consider institutions from outside the industrialised world, with the exception of Saudi Arabia, as

high-risk to deal with. European Economic Community countries are almost certainly going to adopt the Basle guidelines, while the commun-ity's second directive on banking is tightening restrictions on bank branches within the community as it prepares for the birth of a

single market in 1992. Gulf officials are urging their governments to apply pressure on the community to reverse the moves, which they decry as protectionism The moves will be especially harmful for Arab countries with balance of payments deficits, they said, referring to the rest of the countries grouped in the 22-member Arab League.

"I think the decisions will be very injurious to Arab deficit countries. It will mean limited dealings with these countries on the part of world banks" and harm economic development, said Jassem Al Saadoun, chairman of the Kuwait-based Alshall Economic Consultancy Bureau.

"However, the decision will be of less impact on banks of the GCC countries which are (net) exporters and not importers of capital," he said.

The GCC groups Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman and the United Arab Emirates, oil-rich countries that enjoy balance of payments sur-Al Saadonn said the GCC states should "use their financial

strength to put pressure on the EEC countries" to make their new requirements less stringent. The GCC countries reportedly have accumulated up to \$350 billion in surplus petrodollars since the oil crisis of 1973. The

European banks. Most commercial dealings between the banks in the Gulf are with Europe rather than with the United States or Japan.

The Governor of the Central Bank of Kuwait, Sheikh Salem Abdul-Aziz Al Sabah, who told a seminar recently that any designation by the European Econ-omic Community of "high-risk" banking areas would be indicative of "EEC protectionism in the field of banking."

Sheikh Salem affirmed that when in the field of the capitalisation of the banks, "the position of our banks is comfortable by international standards."

"We have expressed concern about the discrimination against Kuwait and other GCC countries in the so-called country risk approach of the proposed capital adequacy regulations which assigns higher-risk rating for bank claims on customers outside the EEC and some other industrialised countries," he

Ziad Tagy, head of the economic department at the National

Bank of Kuwait, noted that each foreign bank has to "conduct its own evaluation of the financial standing of any Arab customer and not merely depend on such cut-and-dried rules" when it con-

siders extending loans.

But Tady said the proposed new bank ratings have "not been based on adequate information. The ratings should be re-considered so as to be based on more objective data."

Ali Mohammed Najm, chairman of the board of the Union of Arab and French Banks, warned against "the dangerous repercussions" of any decision to introduce the new ratings.

"This rating will result in a sharp retreat of credit facilities to Arab states and a mass exodus of Arab capital from the Arab

area," he said.
"Banks in many countries may adopted the EEC standards, thus leaving the Arab world in a state of siege," he added.

Abdul-Malek Al Hammar,

governor of the U.A.E. Central Bank, said in a recent press interview that the new rules would be "unfair as far as Gulf banks are concerned."

Opec pact will balance supply, demand: minister

TOKYO, Dec 1, (Reuter): Opec will produce about 22.5 million barrels of oil a day (BPD) in the first half of next year, but that will meet demand and prices should be stable, Indonesia's Oil Minister Ginanjar Kar-

tasasmita said yesterday.

"Anything less will be too conservative and be very bad for the market as it will only shoot prices up," he told reporters in Tokyo on his way back from Opec's biannual meeting which ended in Vienna on

The ministers of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed \$18 a barrel should be the minimum average price for the

organisation's oil next year. Ginanjar said the 22-million-BPD ceiling Opec actually set for the January-to-June period reflected a pragmatic approach, assuming

some members would continue to over-produce. Opec ministers rejected independent forecasts of demand at about 21.5 million BPD for the period, and predicted demand for Opec oil at 22.5 million BPD instead, he said.

"We have no confidence even in the projections done by our own secretariat. It has tended to predict on the conservative side," he said. He said a production level of 21.5 million BPD would be too low and

would create scarcity and unnecessary price rises.

"And it will create the urge within Opec to over-produce because of the lure of higher prices," he said.

"There will be 22.5 million BPD from Opec which coincides withour demand projection," he said, adding the outut would "just satisfy the need of oil and stabilize the market in the first half of 1990."

He said the ministers calculated Opec production would effectively be reduced by 300,000 to 400,000 BPD. Ginanjar said Venezuela would reclassify 74,000 BPD of condensate

production as oil and include it in its quota. "Then there are countries including Indonesia that will not produce up to quota," he said. "We will just produce enough to be absorbed by

He said there will also be some problems with non-Opec output next

North Sea oil production is expected to be down by around 500,000 BPD in the first half of 1990, US production may be down 400-600,000 BPD and the Soviet Union's by another 500,000 BPD. "So altogether we see a 1.5 million BPD reduction.'

"We also calculated the potential increase in demand from Eastern countries as their economies grow. The economic growth will be followed by increasing demand for energy," he said.

Ginanjar said Opec's decision to make \$18 a barrel a minimum rather

than reference price for its oil was another major element of its new deal. "It doesn't mean we are going back to fixed prices or GSPS (government selling prices)," But he said it showed that even the big Middle East producers care about the price as much as volumes.

Shell agrees to \$19.75 million spill settlement

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec 1, (AP): Shell Oil has agreed to pay \$19.75 million for spilling more than 400,000 gallons of crude oil across 11 miles (17 kilometres) of Carquinez Strait shoreline and nearby Marshland last year.

The payments include almost \$11 million to restore Marshland and acquire other wetlands around San Francisco Bay, Shell says it has spent an additional \$14 million on its own cleaning up the April 1988 spill of oil from a pipe at its refinery in Martinez. "This is the largest recovery

ever, to my knowledge, for damages to natural resources. said Assistant US Attorney General Richard B. Stewart, head of the lands and natural resources division in the Justice Department, one of 16 federal, state and local agencies in the case.
"The days of weak settlements

and slap-on-the-wrist penalties (are) over for oil spills," he said Wednesday when the settlement was announced.

He also said he would favour "proportionate" treatment for the Exxon Oil spill in Alaska, which was several hundred times

larger.
Shell regrets the spill and consider the settlement "fair and equitable"," said company spok-esman Bill Sharkey. The spill, one of the largest in

US waters, started when oil leaked through a broken drain line in a 12.5 million-gallon storage tank at the manufacturing complex 40 miles (64 kilometers) northeast of San

France to push for new Europe bank Move to bolster economic reforms

BRUSSELS, Dec 1, (Reuter): France is pressing for an agreement in principle at the European Economic Community summit next week to create a pan-European bank to bolster the economic reforms

sweeping Eastern Europe," EEC sources said today.

Under the proposal, Eastern European countries including the Soviet Union could have a stake in the bank and seats on its board, giving them a say in how funds would be spent.

The bank, with a proposed capital of 10 billion European currency units (\$11.4 billion) would also be upon to developed countries outside the EEC,

including the United States and Japan. French President Francois Mitterrand, who will chair the summit in Strasbourg on December 8 and

9, suggested the new institution as a way of demonstrating the EEC's commitment to the economic and political reforms in the Soviet bloc. "I would give it a good chance of being launched at the summit," said one EEC official.

But at a meeting in Paris, on Wednesday to discuss the French proposal, some of the 12 EEC member states, notably Britain and the Netherlands were more cautious.

We have certainly not unconditionally endorsed the idea," said a British official.

The existing European Investment Bank (EIB), based in Luxembourg, dispenses loans and finances projects in the community and elsewhere. But it is an internal EEC institution and could not be opened up

Details of the structure of any new bank have not yet been worked out, but France would like each of the 12 EEC members to take a stake in the institution, along with non-EEC European countries and perhaps the US and Japan, officials said.

The bulk of its capital would be pledged by those countries, but Eastern European nations including the Soviet Union could have a stake as well, the EEC Its goal would be to lend money to the Eastern

European countries promoting reform, to help their transition from centrally-planned to market economies, they said.

The sources said France had circulated a draft section of the final summit communique endorsing the bank and suggesting an inter-governmental conference in 1990 to set up the institution.

Bright forecast for oil market

Accord one of the best: Iraq

LONDON, Dec 1, (Reuter): Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi has pronounced the Opec accord concluded in Vienna on Tuesday one of the best the group has achieved. '(It was) one of the best ... in a long time," Al

Chalabi was quoted as telling the Opec news agency The new production accord, which sets an overall Opec output ceiling of 22 million bpd for the first six months of this year, was "realistic ... in that it takes

into consideration the actual production of member countries," Al Chalabi said. The production ceiling agreed on not only represented the actual production of member countries, but "more than that" a commitment of "full adherence" to the agreement's terms obliging everybody to abide by it "to the last barrel of oil," Al

Chalabi said. "That is something new for the organisation and it will certainly help in the stabilisation of the market as well as improve prices."

Asked about the short-term reaction of oil markets to the accord, Al Chalabi told Opecna, "in the next few weeks, there is certainly going to be an improvement in the oil market."

involve sacrifices from the signatories, including

Al Chalabi replied: "The beauty of the agreement that we initiated and proposed to the ministers does not involve any sacrifice or any contribution from any country to any other country, except a voluntary contribution by Indonesia of 101,000 bpd ... otherwise everybody has got their pro rata share without any change in the market percentage share

Opec production will decline around one million bpd from current levels to around 22.5 million, Al

"If we take into consideration additional possible over-production by the UAE of 700-800,000 bpd or even one million bpd. However, you have to take into consideration that there will be a certain amount of production (within the ceiling) that would not be put on the market because either certain countries would have reached their desired optimum or would not actually wish to produce their full share ... so you have to substract about 400-500,000 bpd at least from the overall 22 million bpd

Al Chalabi said demand for Opec oil would definitely improve and that oil prices would also stabilise around Opec's reference price of \$18 a

profits jump

LONDON, (Reuter): Transatiantic conglomerate Hanson yesterday reported pretax profits up by 20.45 per cent in a financial year in which it won the biggest

porate history.
The London-based firm, which in August bought mining giant Consolidated Gold Fields for £3.5 billion (\$5.6 billion), said it was

The company's pretax profits rose to £1.06 billion (\$1.65 billion) in the year to Sept 30 compared with 880 million (\$1.37 billion) in

Turnover of the group, which has major holdings in North America, was \$7 billion (\$11 billion) compared with 7.4 billion

substantial borrowing capacity, the company is in a commanding position to make further acquisi-tions when they become available at realistic prices," chairman

Lord Hanson said in a statement. Hanson vice-chairman Martin Taylor said the company could act within the next couple of years, but declined to elaborate.

Hanson would expand by snap-ping up low-technology and low-risk businesses with good cash

don down half a peace (0.75 ceats) at £2,275 (\$3,56) each.

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takeover battle in British cor-

poised for further expansion.

the previous 12 months. Share analysts described the results as comfortable.

(11.6 billion) a year ago.
"With year-end cash balances
of £5.3 billion (\$8.3 billion) and a

Analyst Simon Hayes at London brokers James Capel said

"Basically, the world is their oyster," he said. He rated Hanson's stock a "good, strong hold." Hanson's interests range from batteries and typewriters to whirl-pool baths and hot dogs. It has substantial holdings in the United

Hapson shares closed in Lon-

Opecna asked whether it was an Iraqi proposal that helped Opec reach an agreement and if it would Turkish gold imports at 83 tonnes since March ANKARA, Dec 1. (Reuter): Turkey has imported some 83 lonnes of gold since March for around \$1.1 billion, government officials said yesterday. They said the gold had been sold on the Central bank-brokered unlet market which opened in April. severa unity insurance and transport costs which bankers say are around \$22 a kilo. Some economists estimate the 54 million Turks have about 500 tonnes of gold squirreled away under mattresses, in tobacco tins and elsewhere.

markets at best available prices, charging authorised dealers only insurance and transport costs which bankers

Istanbul-based economist Ersin Pertan, a consultant on

The harvest season is traditionally the time for marriages in Anatolia, when the status of the bride is judged by the amount of gold she wears.

Monthly gold sales on the Central Bank market peaked

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They said the gold had been sold on the Central bank-brokered gold market which opened in April.
Only 10 kg (22 pounds) had been re-sold to the market, emphasising the demand for gold in Turkey where most trade is in the physical metal.
Buding gold smuggling into Turkey, estimated by economists to have been some 70 townes annually, was one of the major aims of the market.
Bankers and gold dealers at Istanbul's covered bazzar my this goal has been fully achieved.
Gold is traded on the market for hard currency. Traders can re-soll it on the market for foreign exchange or sell to

can re-sell it on the market for foreign exchange or sell to can re-sell it on the market for foreign exchange or sell to domestic thems like jewellers or individuals for Turkish lira. Before the opening of the official market, up to 60 dealers at a bazzar corner used to fix gold prices.

Now the Central Bank imports gold from international

istandur-pased scondoms: eram rerian, a consultant on the gold market, said his estimate for hoarded gold in Turkey was higher at about 3,500 tonnes. The demand for gold is seasonal, peaking at harvest times in late-summer or religious holidays when Turkish workers abroad return home.

in August at 17.2 tonnes and 10.8 tonnes in September and 8.5 tonnes in October.

Japan's trade with Iran, Iraq grows

Mitsubishi receives plant orders from Kuwait, Manila

Heavy Industries, Ltd. said yesterday it has received orders for industrial facilities from the Philippines and

The Tokyo-based company said the turnkey contract awarded by Luzon Petrochemical Corp. covers engineering, procurement of materials and equipment, construction and installation work for the Philippines' first polyethylene and polypropylene manufacturing plants.

Construction will be completed at Batangas, about 50 miles (80 km) south of Manila, by the middle of 1992. The company said the facilities will have annual capacity of 140,000 tons of linear density and high density

polyethylene and 110,000 tons of polypropylene. Luzon Petrochemical is a joint ven-

ture by USI Far East Corp., Taiwan and other partners, the company said. Products at the facilities will be used primarily in the Philippines as consumer products.

The company also said it received an order for a recarbonation plant with daily processing capacity of 182,000 tons of drinking water.

The \$34.7 million facility will be

installed at the desalination plant in the Az-Zour Thermal Power Station. The plant will employ the evaporation method to process water and the water processed will be suitable for drinking and also prevent corrosion of

pipes, the company said.

The desalination plant has a daily capacity of 262,000 tons and recarbonation plant will have a capacity of processing about 70 per cent of the distillate water.

Meanwhile major Japanese drug maker Fujisawa Pharmaceutical Co. announced yesterday it has formed an equity-holding subsidiary in the United States to manage its five US

The Tokyo-based company said the new firm, Fujisawa USA Inc. based in Wilmington, Delaware, will hold all stakes in the company's five affiliates - Fujisawa Smithkline Corp., vita acquisition Inc., Lymphomed Inc., PMP permentation products Inc, and

The inauguration of the new firm is part of the parent company's efforts to reorganize its operations in the United States in order to expand its businesses on the US market.

Under the reorganization, Vita Acquisition and Lyphomed Inc. will be merged into a single company and the new pharmaceutical division of Lyphomed will be united with Pujisawa Pharmaceutical Corp., the com-

In an another development Japan trade with Iran and Iraq continued to recover since the end of the Gulf war, a group of 18 major Japanese trading companies has reported.

The Japan Trade Council said yes-

October increased 2.55-fold over a year ago to \$609.3 million while its imports soured 86.0 per cent to \$536.1

Exports to Iraq increased 3.57-fold to \$275 million while imports rose to \$331.3 million, 2.21-times greater than in the previous year, the council said.

Japan's exports to the two countries consisted mainly of steel products, tires and chemicals, the council said. Overall, the council, said export contracts concluded by its member companies in October grew 11.2 per cent over a year ago to \$5.70 billion but

imports declined 1.9 per cent to \$6.36 Japan and the United States made Japanese imports of US-built satellites, US and Japanese officials have reported.

The officials said the discussions, ended Wednesday, focused on a US request that Japanese increase imports of US-made satellite.

The US side claimed that the government-sponsored satellite develop-ment project prevents US satellites from entering the Japanese market,

Under the programme, Japan plans to launch two communications satellites, developed by Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp, in 1994 and 1995.

Meanwhile Japan and the Soviet Union failed to reach agreement on ways to expand bilateral economic and trade ties in their two-day talks ended Wednesday, according to Japanese government officials.

The officials said Japan insisted on its standing policy of not separating politics and economics in dealing with the Soviet Union and turned down a Soviet proposal for conclusion of investment protection and long-term economiceo-operation treaties.

Japan demands the Soviet return of four disputed North Pacific islands as the pre-requisite for normalizing political relations between the two

Arabs to deposit \$300m for Jordan

Kuwait signs its share of the deal

AMMAN, Dec 1, (Reuter): Five Gulf Arab countries have agreed to deposit \$300 million for Jordan's use with the Abu Dhabi-based Arab Monetary Fund, financial sources said yesterday.

The sources said Kuwait had already signed its share of the deal, in which Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Oman They said the Gulf states, members of the Gulf Co-operation

Council, are to deposit \$300 million on which Amman would pay interest at two percentage points below market rates. Jordan would deposit an equivalent amount in Jordanian dinars in

blocked accounts at the Central Bank in Amman as collateral for each contributing country, the sources added. They said the Gulf nations had assured Amman they would not draw

on the dinar deposits when Jordan drew down the dollar account. It was not clear how long the arrangement would last. The sources said the size of each Gulf state's contribution was in proportion to its financial capacity, with the largest from Saudi Arabia.

The exact breakdown was not available. Jordan had originally hoped to secure an interest-free deposit of up to \$1 billion from its Arab friends.

During the past 18 months, the kingdom suffered severe foreign currency shortages, now alleviated by an influx of ard and re-scheduling accords with official and bank creditors.

The dinar has lost two-fifths of its dollar value since October 1988, but has been stable for the past three months. The government has slashed capital spending and is implementing

economic reforms approved by the International Monetary Fund, which agreed in July to provide a standby credit. An IMF is in Amman to monitor progress on the five-year

programme, launched just before price riots in April. Jordan has in the past relied heavily on Arab aid to help cover its balance of payments and budget deficits, but a 10-year Arab pledge of \$1.25 billion a year expired in 1988.

By that time Saudi Arabia was the only donor fully honouring its commitment, paying Jordan almost \$360 million a year.

Meanwhile Muslim Brotherhood deputies have asked Jordan's parliament to set up special committees to study the causes of the kingdom's economic crisis and other issues.

The 22 deputies, who form the biggest single group in the 80-seat lower house, made the request to house Speaker Suleiman Arar in a note which Reuters obtained on Wednesday.

They proposed that the house establish temporary committees to discuss five issues: causes of the economic crisis, public freedoms and adherence to constitutional provisions on religion, the lifting of martial law and all exceptional laws, the problem of rising prices and ways to reduce unemployment.

The constitution says Islam is the religion of the state.

The Muslim Brotherhood bloc also suggested that each deputy donate one month's allowance to support the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

King Hussein inaugurated parliament on Monday after Jordan's

first general election in 22 years.

The elected lower house and royally-appointed senate meet on Saturday to choose members of their standing financial, legal and foreign affairs committees, and to discuss draft replies from each chamber to the King's speech from the throne.

Rates are coming down

US economic index dips

WASHINGTON, Dec 1, (AP): The US government's chief economic forecasting gauge fell 0.4 per cent in October, the sixth month of declines or no gain this year, the government said today. The drop in the index of leading economic indicators, which is designed to forecast economic activity six to nine months in advance,

followed gains of 0.3 per cent in September and 0.6 per cent in August.

Both gains were revised in today's report to reflect a slightly better increase than earlier reported. The October drop was in line with most economists' expectation. For the first 10 months of 1989, the index has fallen five times, risen four times and remained unchanged in one month.

The various changes left the index at 144.6 per cent of its 1982 base of 100. That represents a 0.4 per cent decline at an annual rate for the year so far, compared with a 3.8 per cent gain in the first 10 months of 1988. That economy, as measured by the gross national product, expanded at a moderate 2.7 per cent rate in the July-September quarter. But

analysts say the economy has slowed sharply in the current quarter. A few economists believe the country is on the verge of toppling into a recession after an unprecedented peacetime expansion of seven y but most express confidence that the Federal Reserve Board, the US Central Bank, won't let that happen.

"We'll skirt the edge of a recession, but not fall in," said Bruce Steinberg, an economist at Merrill Lynch Brokerage. "The reason is ... interest rates are coming down substantially.

Indeed, an expansion of the money supply by the Federal Reserve was one of four forward-looking business statistics that partly offset six negative indicators in the index.

Stock prices, despite the Friday-the-13th plunge in October, were a

neutral factor. The two biggest negatives were an increase in claims for unem-

ployment insurance and a drop in average work week for factory The other weak signs were a drop in unfilled orders at factories; a decline in a consumer confidence survey; faster deliveries of factory

goods, indicating slackening demand; and fewer new orders for consumer goods. An increase in building permits, a rise in prices for sensitive materials and an increase in capital investment spending by businesses were the positive factors in addition to the money supply.

The recent economic weakness is considered the result of a yearlong anti-inflation programme by the Federal Reserve, which cooled the economy and inflationary pressures by boosting short-term interest rates through this spring. But in June, the Central Bank began nudging rates down again, hoping to stave off a recession.

"A lot of slowdown we're looking at now came as a result of Fed tightening between March 1988 and March 1989. Now the Fed has reversed those moves and we will start to see some recovery," said economist David Jones of Aubrey G. Lanston and Co., a government

securities dealer in New York. The Fed last cut interest rates early in November and Jones said

another move is likely before the end of the year. Traditionally, three consecutive monthly declines in the leading index are a good, but far from foolproof, indication that a recession is

For instance, the index dropped four months in a row at the end of 1987 but no recession developed. It had not fallen three times in a row this year, although it was down in May and June and flat in July.

Arab investors firmly hooked on yen assets

Japan is outperforming the rest of the world

BAHRAIN, Dec 1, (Reuter): It took a long time for Gulf Arabs to invest in Japan, the dynamic economy that was buying most of their oil, but local investors are finally hooked on the yen.

The irony is that they missed the best years of yen asset appreciation at a time when Japanese stocks, bonds, and real estate were surging due to the outstanding performance of an economy largely fuelled by increasingly cheap Gulf Araboil.

But major investors now realise that they ignore the yen at their peril, Japanese securities house managers say.

The visible proof of the rise of their yen portfolios at the expense of traditional dollar investments has been the arrival of Japan's securities houses in the Gulf state of Bahrain. As many Western banks and

institutions closed their doors in Bahrain, a result of the drop in traditional lending activity after the oil-price crash in the mid-1980s, the Japanese were opening theirs.

Nine Japanese houses have arrived in Bahrain in the last few

years. During the same period, the number of foreign offshore banking units has declined from a peak of 75 to 58. Competition among the

Japanese has been fierce, but managers believe there is plenty of business, and more to come. The defensive value of yen

investments in the rapidly changing world economic structure of the 1980s was brought home forcibly to Gulf investors after the double economic disaster that hit them in 1986. The engineered collapse of the

dollar by industrialised nations, coupled with the plunge in dollar-denominated oil prices flung Gulf oil producers into The 1987 stockmarket crash, from which the Japanese market

recovered most quickly, merely

confirmed the need to build up the yen side of their portfolios. In the past year, the relative underperformance of the Japanese markets and the 15 per cent or so rebound in the dollar against the yen has perplexed some Gulf

But Japanese managers dis-

missed the fears as short-term, a judgement apparently justified by this week's leap in Tokyo stocks to new record highs and predictions that Japanese growth will again be the highest in the industrialised world in

1990. "Despite some discouragement in the past year, the long-term trend is there. Japan is outperforming the rest of the world," said a manager at one

Ten years ago, most major Gulf institutions held negligible amounts of yen stocks and bonds, or none at all. Today, they may hold 20 per cent, a few perhaps 30 per cent, managers estimated.

Basic education in the Japanese market is also a large part of winning new business in the region, the houses say. Few foreigners know much

about Japan, and investors here knew very little. So we are telling them," said the manager of a smaller securities house.

The Bahrain government has also provided an attractive environment, including no tax, or restrictions in an alreadyestablished offshore market. managers said.

In an another development a broad coalition of minority and consumer groups asked the 25 largest Japanese banks yesterday to take over American banks that do not serve needs of their com-

The request to Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Nakayama was made in a letter that noted the 12 largest banks in the world are Japanse-owned and have \$3 trillion in total deposits.

The letter followed by two days the coalition's intervention with federal regulators against the effort of Wells Fargo Bank of San Francisco to buy the American National Bank chain in Bakersfield.

The coalition sought a ban on the purchase, saying Wells Fargo failed to serve its communities as required by the community reinstment act of 1977.

Wells Fargo, the group said. has only three minorities among its top 115 managers and lends only insignificant dollar volumes to the black community.

UK to give credit to Iraq

Major to raise rates if needed

LONDON, Dec 1. (Opecna): British Trade Secretary Lord Trefgame announced here yesterday that a new \$390 million medican-term line of credit would be made available by the United Kingdom to Iraq.)

The announcement came at the conclusion of a three-day meeting of the Anglo-Iraqi joint commission on economic and trade co-operation. A formal accord was signed by Iraqi Trade Minister Dr Mohammed Mehdi Salch and his Speaking at the signing ceremony, the British trade secretary stressed that the

new credit facility would open up new opportunities for British companies "in this very important Middle East market."

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He stated that Iraq "has made significant economic progress since the August 1988 ceasefire in the Gulf war," expressing satisfaction that the UK's preferred creditor status had been reaffirmed by Iraq "which will be good news indeed for many British companies wishing to do business here."

The new credits will be supported by the Export Credit Guarantee Department (ECGD), Britain sofficial export credit insurer.

Meanwhile Chancellar of the East-

Meanwhile, Chancellor of the Exchequer John Major was yesterday quoted

as saying he would raise British interest rates again if necessary. In an interview with the Daily Telegraph, Major said the government remained committed to fighting inflation and that he still supported the policies

of his predecessor Nigel Lawson.
On Tuesday, Major warned that inflation, now 7.3 per cent, would rise again when new figures are released next month.

Joint-investment firm planned

Iran, Libya sign trade pact

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NICOSIA, Cyprus, Dec 1, (AP): Libya yesterday signed agreements to trade \$100 million worth of goods with Iran next year, Tehran radio

Libya's Strategic Industries Minister, Ahmad Fathi Bin Shatwan, inked the agreement on behalf of his country at the conclusion of a four-day visit, the radio said in a broadcast monitored in Cyprus.

It quoted Iranian Minister of Heavy Industries Mohammad Nezhad-Husseinian as saying his country will export \$50 million worth of cars, combine harvesters, light machines, medical equipment and minerals to Libya next year.

Libya will export an equal value of PVC, a kind of plastic, and metals to Iran, Nezhad-Husseinian said.

He said that in his talks with Shatwan, who arrived in Tehran Sunday at the head of an economic delegation, he also proposed the setting up of a joint-investment company with a capital of \$25 million.

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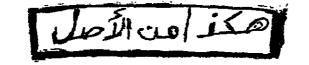
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Musical show sans main musicians

Remimbus attracts a large crowd

By Peter D'Souza **Arab Times staff**

AFTER overcoming several obstacles, Wify Remimbus, the popular singer from Mangalore, staged his Konkani missical show "Wilfy Nite" at the Indian Arts Circle on Thursday sans his main musicians. They were held up at the Kuwait Airport due to visa problems.

Not deterred, the organisers swiftly arranged for substitute musicians and made it possible for the rescheduled show



to go on. The show was previously fixed for Nov 10.

With limited resources and time, Remimbus and his troupe raced through the programme to catch their same day flight to Bahrain. Just the previous day they had arrived from Qatar where they had staged their show.

Remimbus and his troupe sang only 12 songs, some getting drowned in the loud beats of the drums.

Veena Remimbus, the daughter of Wilfy and Meena, and the brightest star of the show sang two solo numbers which were well appreciated by the audience. In the song "Nouro Zai" (I Want a bridegroom), Veena yearns for him, but sets her conditions to any eligible bachelor who is willing to take her hand.

She says he should be well-built with curly hair. He should not be a person working in the Gulf, because oil is now

cheap. Above all he should be a Mangalorean. Her other number "Nid Podona" (Can't get sleep) is a love song in which she describes the symptoms of love - "You cant' sleep nor eat."

Meena with her pleasant voice sang several songs, while Vishwas her budding 30n, sang two numbers which were quite good. Eddie Sequeira with his lively jokes kept the audience in high spirits.

Remimbus and troupe who were in

Kuwait four and half years ago, attracted a crowd of about 800 people to Thursday's show. Remimbus plans to come back to Kuwait again in May 1990.

The "Wilfy Nite" was organised by Kuwait Canara Welfare Association whose main aim is to help poor students in Mangalore (South Kanara). Proceeds of Thursday's show will accordingly be remitted for the welfare of students in Mangalore.



Wilfy Remimbus

substitute?...



TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

MORNING PERIOD

9.30 The Opening and Holy Quran 9.40 Sabah Al Kher News

and Variety 9.55 Cartoon serial

10.15 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition) 10.30 Bait Min Waraq:

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local news 9.00 News in Arabic

5.15 The Young Artist: Local children's 9.45 Saber: Arabic serial

(Part 7) 10.30 Al Haet: Local serial (Part 3), starring Ibra-him Al Salal, Ahmad Saleh, Aesha Ibrahim and Zainab Al Dhahi

12.15 News Summary 12.20 The World Today via Satellite

12.45 Holy Quran and

KTV 2

6.00 Opening Announ-cement & Holy Quran 6.10 Hello Kitty: A cartoon series for children

6.30 Woof: "Erik" is a strange boy who can be transformed into a dog...but he reveals his secret to his friend 7.00 The Survival Factor: "Deep South Seal" The Weddell seal is uniquely equipped to live with ease in conditions that would be fatal to most other animals. These mammals are filmed as they

7.30 Out of this World: Beano The Kid" Evic helps her uncle Beano return akidtoprac-

give birth and raise

tice his favourable hobbies... 8.00 News in English 8.30 Diamonds: "Le

Cheval" Returning to Paris, Rennie notices that his assistant "Sonlange" has changed a lot and faces many troubles...Will he keep her or find a

9.30 The Infinite Voyage: "Unseen Worlds" Takes viewers to world beyond human vision using the tools of modern science. New imaging techniques allow man to see landscapes as small as the surface of an atom, as large as a galactic

10.30 Feature film: "And No One Could Save Her" Starring: Ler Rernik, Naie Oshea. A wealthy sick woman lives a love story with her young husband who disappears suddenly leaving her in a very bad condition. She starts searching for him...

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12.00 New in Brief 12.15 Magazine D'Actualite



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The Yugoslavian Ambassador to Kuwait, Hasan Dervisbegovic, recently held a reception in honour of the Yugoslavian National Day. Pictures show: (top) the ambassador with the Iranian ambassador to Kuwait. (Bottom): the ambassador with the Japanese ambassador to

CINEMA TODAY

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the DAA on "Arabic & European Art in the Light of Zodiocal Symbolism" Decem-ber 10, 1989 - January 10, 1990. Sunday and Tuesday 11.00 -12.30 am. Anyone wishing to register for this seminar may do so at the DAA during museum. hours. SOCIAL

Bhartiya Kala Sangam A family get-together for members of Bhartiya Kala Sangam will be held at the Indian Embassy premises on Thursday, Dec 7, 1989 at 7:30 pm. There will be an entertainment programme including 'fancy dress competition' for children. lucky draw, and sumptuous buffet for members. Lots of prizes and surprises await for one and all. For details please

People's Trust Club DEC 29: People's Trust Club welcomes you to a day of your life at Ramada Al Salam (Marriott) Hotel, New Bailroom from 10.30 am onwards. Nimble feet, hungry palate, perfect blend of music and style. A get-together with

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contact tele. 5628171, 2551305.

DEC_15: Flying Arrows Sporting Centre once again invites their members and guests to their annual X'mas tree function, to be held at the Carlton Tower Hotel from 11:30am onwards. Asumptous buffet, gifts galore, exciting games and live music by the Neighbuzz" awaits one and all. Added attraction, Leo the Magician is to perform at 12:00om sharp.

German-speaking Cultural Association

The next regular coffee morning for German-speaking ladies will take place on Sunday, Dec 3, 10.am, at the same

The association's next event will be the St Nicholas Party on Thursday, Dec 7, 3 pm, at International Hotel's Grand Ballroom. Tickets for this event will be available at the bazaar, German embassy and at the coffee morning.

ACT Auditions

AUDITIONS for ACT's upcoming production of "The Skin of Our Teeth" will be held Wednesday, December 6th from 7.30 to 9.30 and Thursday, December 7th from 3.00 to 5.00. The production is scheduled for Feb 20 - 22nd. Parts are available to suit your abilities and schedule. Any perbuffet. Featuring Stepping son interested in getting involved please call 5620332 Stones, Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers. There will be novelfrom 5.00 to 7.00 pm for more ties and surprises galore. Con-tact Columbus on 4348218.

X'mas tree '89

CHRISTMAS is for children, and what better way than to celebrate it with the New Goans Overseas Association at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel (the new Al-Mirage Ballroom) on the 15th of December 1989. Highlights include 'carol singing competition (4 local schools participating) games for children, novelty dance and music by the Stepping Stones. Santa Claus will be distributing gifts to all the kids. For reservations contact Anthony on tel: 5621968 (after 6.00 pm) or Julio.

The Ahmadi Music Society proudly presents its 21st Carol Concert at 8 pm on Monday and Tuesday Dec 11 and 12, 1989. A special children's carol concert will be held at 5.30 pm on Saturday Dec 9, 1989. Venue Kuwait Little Theatre, Ahmadi. For ticket reservations ring 3983964.

Ladies international League

GENERAL SECOND MEETING: Our programme will be a winter party and mini bazaar, in Ballroom A at the Sheraton Hotel 7pm - 10pm on Tuesday 5th December '89. There will be a small charge at the door. All ladies are welcome. Piease no children. Raffle, door prizes as well as lots of other prizes too. For further details please call Ann 5316905 or Dianne 5335598.

TOURNAMENT committee chairperson, Chito Barrios, announced that due to unavoidable circumstances, the awarding ceremonies for the recently concluded Filcheck First Active Chess Tournament originally scheduled for Friday, 1st December 1989 has been postponed to Friday, 15th December at 9.30am at the new Kabayan Restaurant. Other details will be published later.

requested to come in uniform. Aurellano (Tel: 2402405).

Canadian Women's League DEC 2: An invitation is extended to all Canadian

wings of the club. All members are requested to contact Mr Rafiq Ahmed Mirza. For children sports events are arranged by PPC sports committee.

KOSA meeting

Children's competition at IAC THE result of the qualifying

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The Weekend Club KEEP your dates with the

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However, the annual elections will be held as scheduled on Friday, 1st December at 9.00 am. All members are For details: Sammy B.

women to attend this month's meeting to be held Saturday. December 2 from 4 to 6 pm in Jabriya. For more information please call 5315655 or 2563025.

PPC's democracy week
The Pakistan People's Club will celebrate the first anniversary of the restoration of democracy by Benazir Bhutto's Prime Minister elected government on Dec 2, 1988. Announcing this Riaz Ahmed Mahesar said that meetings and outdoor musical programme will be arranged for men and women

KOSA Annual General Meeting — 17 December 7.30 pm Shaab Marina. All members should attend to elect the 1990 committee. For further details please call the KOSA Secretary Declan Mannion on

round of the children's competition held in Indian Arts Cir-

cle were already announced on 17-11-1989. The results are displayed in all schools and Indian Arts Circle. The finals will take place on 30-11-89, 15-12-89, 27-12-89, 28-12-89 at Indian Arts Circle. For more information please contact on telephone nos. 3904817 or

Weekend Club for the "Summer Affair" on the first day of Eid Al Fitr and the "Red & Black Nite" on the first day of

Radha and Raja

Dancers Dr Radha and Dr Raia Reddi are going to present their dance performance on 7th and 8th of December at Indian Arts Circle Auditorium. Fordetails please contact 3904817. Music Night at "The Lon-esome Traveller." A musical

evening in a cafe atmosphere featuring performers from the Kuwait Folk Group performing British traditional music, folk, pop and country songs. The evening is being produced by ACT and will provide you with a unique night out. It is being held December 17th at 8.00 pm at the Holiday Inn. For more details, call 5620332 from 5.00 to 7.00 pm.

Opera Star ARAXIA Davtian, a world renowned Opera Star, and Diana Mkrtchian, an internationally famous pianist will be performing at the Kuwait International Hotel on December 4 in the Grand Ballroom. The programme will be starting at precisely 8.00 pm. A reception dinner is included. Tickets available from Boodai Aviation: 2426319 and Kuwait International Hotel: 2530000

Kuwait Goans

DEC 15: Annual children's X'mas tree function will be held at the Messiliah Beach Hotel on Friday, December 15, '89 from 9.30 am onwards. Lots of prizes and surprises awaits for one and all. Top Ranks in attendance.

call for your early bookings on **241334**8. Christmas Cantata THE English Language congregation choir of the National

To avoid disappointment

Evangelical Church will sing the Christmas Musical "Meet Him in the Manger" on 5th Wed, and 10th Sunday at 6 pm please plan to attend one of these evenings and celebrate the advent season. Ladies international League

2ND Big Meeting — Tuesday 5th December at Sheraton Hotel in Bailroom A from 7 pm - 10 pm. Our programme this month will be a Winter Party and Mini Bazaar. Raffle and door prizes as well as many other prizes too. Why not come along and join in on the fun. Bring your friends and enjoy a social evening in a relaxed atmosphere meeting other people and making new friends. All

Daniella Children's Party ALL Danes in Kuwait are invited for the annual chil-

charge at the door.

ladies welcome. There will be a

dren's party "Juletrae" to be held-at_the Gazeile Club on Friday December 15 at 3 pm. Tickets to be purchased from Inge on 3727688 ext 207 or Winnie on 5733382 before December 10.

IAC Children's Competition THE dates of finals of the Children's Competition will take place at IAC Funaitees on 13th. 14th, 15th, 27th and 28th December '89 and 18th January '90 respectively. For more details contact Indian Schools.

annual seasonal concert which

will be held on Wednesday,

December 13 and Thursday,

December 14 at 7.30 pm at the

Gulf English School, Salwa.

Kuwait Singers "AT this time of Year" is the theme of the Kuwait Singers

For ticket reservations contact 5384873 or 5382551. UPKAAR is a newly formed non-profit cultural group of Hindi/Urdu speaking expatriates in Kuwait. Upkaar, whose aim is to promote art, culture and literature is going to hold an inaugural variety entertainment programme at Al Sharq Co-operative Auditorium comprising of dances, dramas, musical items and pantomines on December 15 at 6.00 pm. This will be followed

by a buffet dinner. Interested

persons may contact 4880965

or 2615515. United Goans Centre SANTA Claus is coming to town on December 15 at the Al Salam Hotel in the Al Deira Hall exactly at 9.30 am, with loads of gifts and sweets for all your children. Make your presence at the United Goans Centre's X'mas party. A unique fancy dress parade for children and lots of surprises awaits the young and the old. Lively music from the "Next of Kin." For further information contact Tony 2612024 or Moses 2424293.

NRI General Body Meeting NRI Investors Forum holding annual G.B. meeting at Indian embassy on December 15 at 11.00 am. Investment speakers specially invited from India. Also presentation of NRI of the Year trophy. Followed by complimentary lunch for members.

British Council Greystoke - The Legend of

SATURDAY, 9 and Sunday, 10 December, 6.30 pm. 130 min. This is an extremely interesting and unusual film. This Tarzan manages to lose his primate and human families. His disillusionment with what

he sees of civilization, despairing of ever feeling truly at home at Greystoke, he returns to the jungle. The case is excellent, but the real stars are the team of actors who portrayed so realis-

tically the jungle apes. Musical evening

"UPASANA" one of the leading musical groups is conducting their 6th musical programme on Friday, December 22 at 5.30 pm at Funaitees. The programme contains most of the latest hit songs from Hindi, Tamil and Malayalam. For entry passes please contact Tel. 3987249/ 3986956/ 3 9 8 7 3 9 6 / 5 6 4 3 6 4 3 / 5638762/4315374/4314018.

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German embassy, German

school, library and at the coffee

SPORTS

Mitsubishi Pajero Bowling Tournament THE Mitsubishi Pajero Bowling Tournament spon-

sored by the Al Mulla Group of Companies and presented by Kuwait International Hotel is scheduled for 2nd December. The tournament will be among 6 different banks of Kuwait with each team comprising of 7 contestants. Representatives of each team met with the PR Managers of Al Mulla and Kuwait International to finalise details of the event. It will be held at the KIH eight lane ten

 All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursdays, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

pin bowling alley at 6.00 pm.



"DECEMBER DELIGHTS" A Yuletide gala-social for children & adults SAS Hotel, December 8, 1989 Gifts for all Children (courtesy of MY TOY COMPANY WLL) Fancy Dress & Gifts

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Arab singer hit with Jews

TEL AVIV. (Reuter): Arab singer Samir Shukri has always been a hit with Jews. Now a rising star in Israel, he began his career performing at Jewish weddings, Bar-Mitzavas and Israeli nightclubs in New York City.

The first Arab musician to enjoy success in Israel, Shukri says he hopes his songs - Middle Eastern music with lyrics in both Hebrew and Arabic - can do what nearly all politicians have failed to do:Bring Jews and Arabs closer

"It's very hard to see.... Arab and

Jewish people dying."
Small and dark with a dimpled face, Shukri says he has not encountered any Arab opposition to his Hebrew songs or his popularity among Israelis.

"In Gaza and in Nablus, they like my music. I get letters from Egypt, Iraq and a lot of Arab countries. They love it, really, they hear their music with another language people are sick and tired of seeing dead in the newspapers."

Palestinians in the occupied territories say they are not as familiar with Shukri's songs as Israeli Arabs but praise him for spreading Arab music and culture to the

"I think it's something good. He sings Hebrew in Oriental tones of course... and is exposing our culture there," said Mohammed Batrawi, director of the Palestinian Cultural Centre.

In Israel, most of Shukri's fans are Sephadric or Oriental Jews who came to Israel from Arab countries and enjoy Eastern music much more than their Europeans counterparts.

"It doesn't matter that he's an Arab. He is a wonderful singer and I enjoy him more than Jewish Middle Eastern singers. He's more real," said Lital Shemesh, a bank teller of Iraqi descent from the Tel Aviv suburb of Ramat

Iraqi-born eye doctor Nissim Twaig said Shukri helped ease the bad feelings Arabs and Jews with his music.

"His music contributes to solving the problems. Everyone does what he can and his music is a stone in the building of peace," said Twaig, who arrived in 1950.

At 18. Shukri left Israel for New York City where he began his career. His first performance was in a Persian nightclub, but he was soon recruited by Israelis.



Gem cutter Robinson examines the 4-1/2 lbs Lone Star sapphire. The stend stargest sapphire in the world and worth more than \$1 million. (Reuter wireplants)

-winter killed dinosaurs

Meteorite caused global catastrophe

ELAIDE, (Reuter): A me-Tric that may have caused a years ago has given support to a theory that dinosaurs were wiped out by a similar catastrophe dious of years later.

For years scientists have the state of why dinosaurs suddenly the state of why dinosaurs suddenly the state of the state o Species the answer may be found to this investigation of a salt lake as the south Australian desert.

That lake was formed by a

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"The sediments compare very favourably and support the theory of the probable involvement of meteorites in the end of the dinosaur era," Gostin said in an interview.

Gostin's discovery of the meteorite site and ejecta has received wide coverage internationally in scientific journals and earned him the rare honour of having an asteroid in space named after him — Asteroid 3640 Gostin.

Scientific interest was heightened by the sheer size of the explosion which followed the Australian meteorite strike, and the intriguing means by which Gostin and Wallace sought to

prove their case.

Gostin, while investigating 600 million-year-old mudstones in the Flinders ranges, north of Adelaide, found a layer of volcanic rock fragments which were one billion years older than the rock in which they were suspen-

Shock fractures in the fragments led Gostin to conclude they were the aftermath of a meteorite strike and not from a volcano. The only place in the area where such old volcanic rocks existed was in the Gawlar ranges, 300 km (190 miles) to the

Coincidentally, George Williams, a geologist involved in oil exploration who studied at the University of Melbourne with Gostin, was convinced that lake Acraman, a near circular lake in the Gawler ranges, was caused by a meteorite strike. Gostin heard of Williams'

work, called him the same day and the two men found that rock samples from the two areas showed similar shock fractures and were of the same age.

"It took me two years to realise the volcanic theory was not right and it was the result of meteorite impact," Gostin said. "The chemistry fitted, it all fitted. It's like a detective story "

Gostin now estimates the meteorite, four km (2.5 miles) in diametre, smashed into the Earth's crust some 500 km (300 miles) northwest of what is now Adelaide at a speed of 20 km (12.5 miles) a second.

The strike caused an explosion and released up to 10 million megatons of energy on impact. The largest H-bomb explosion was about 100 megatons.

"It was certainly in the league of the top 10 impacts in the world's history," Gostin said. The strike left a hole 35 km (22 miles) wide and several kilometres deep where lake Acraman is now situated. The more recent meteor crater in

Arizona is 1.2 km (0.8 miles)

wide, with the meteorite strike

causing a 15-megaton explosion. Subsequent erosion has removed two kms (1.5 miles) of laké Acraman's crust although the impact scar remains.

The meteorite vapourised on impact while the target rock fused and exploded outwards. Debris was scattered over an area 800 km (500 miles) wide, some rocks and boulders flying into an inland sea where the Flinders

ranges now stand. "A gigantic cloud from this hot explosion rolled out from the impact, carrying rocks and sand out with it," Gostin said.

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His geological studies have not proved what happened to dust thrown up by the strike but he does not rule out that dust clouds carpeted the Earth, creating a nuclear winter.

At the time the Earth was populated by jelly fish and algae in the oceans and lichen on land. No large animals existed. The area where the ejecta landed was enriched by meteoric elements like platinum and iridium as the vapourised meteorite stained the surrounding rocks.
"The chemistry compares

favourably with another layer of much younger sediment from the dinosaur era," says Gostin.

Scientists estimate such a huge meteorite strike happens every one million to 10 million years but Gostin is not so confident.

The Way that You Love Me takes Paula Abdul to top spot

NEW YORK, [AP): "The Way That You Love Me" took Paula Abdul to the top of the pop singles record chart in the United States Wednesday. The disc was in third place a week before.

Staying on for a second straight week in second position on the Cash Box magazine chart was "Angelia" by Richard Marx. Billy Joel's "We Didn't Start The Fire" jumped from sixth to third. Last week's number one hit, "Blame It On

The Rain" by Milli Vanilli, nosedived to ninth spot. New to the top 10 list this week were "Don't Know Much" by Linda Ronstadt and Arron Neville, up from 11th to 7th, and

"With Every Beat Of My Heart" by Taylor

Dayne, up from 15th to 10th. 'If Tomorrow Never Comes" by Garth Brooks was number one on the Cash Box

magazine country-and-western start chart. Dolly Parton's "yellow Rose" was the country-and-western start chart. Dolly Parton's "yellow Rose" was the country-and she country-and western start chart. Dolly Parton's "yellow Rose" was the country-western singles, as rated Magazine, with last week's posities.

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8. (4) The Race Is On — Sawyer Brown (Capitol-Curb). 9. (12) A Woman In Love — Ronnie Milsap (RCA).

10.(7) The Yows Go Unbroken (Always True to you) — Kenny Rogers (Reprise).

And in London, New Kids on the Block

were the new kids on top of the British pop singles record chart this week with "You Got It (the right stuff)," ending Lisa Stansfield's four-week reign.

Stansfield fell to third spot, and Linda Ronstadt and Aaron Neville moved into number 2 with "Don't Know Much." "The Eve Of The War" by Jeff Wayne and Happy Mondays' "Madchester Rave On"

were the two newcomers to this week's top

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Our

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chain, with last week's places in parentheses:
1. (2) You Got It — New Kids On The Block (CB).

2. (3) Don't Know Much - Linda Ronstadt and Aaron Neville (Elektra). 3. (1) All Around-The World — Lisz Stansfield (Arista)...

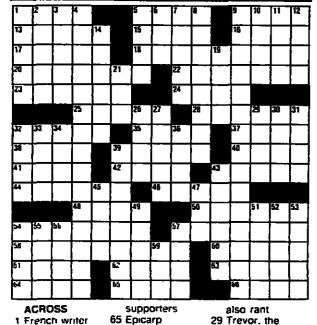
4. (27) The Eve Of The War - Jeff Wayne 5. (5) What The World Is Waiting For-

Fool — Stone Roses (Silvertone). 6. (8) Lambada — Kaoma (CBS). 7. (4) Another Day In Paradise — Phil

Colllins (Virgin). 8. (10) Homely Girl — UB40 (Deep International).

9. (6) Pacific State — Bob State (ZTT). 10. (20) Madchester Rave On — Happy Mondays (Factory).

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30 Mariner's patron saint plays by declarer, especially with 31 Kind of only one control of the enemy suit. instrument But the holdup is a technique avail-32 Donaldson and able to the defenders as well, and Shepard can be just as effective with two 33 A Waugh stoppers in the suit. 34 Blackjack, in Soho

Since South's jump to two no trump describes a hand of defined pattern and strength, it is not forcing. North's decision to go on to game is borderline, but within

The jack of diamonds by west was a perfectly normal opening. attacked hearts. West followed works: a low heart when first the suit was led and, to all intents and purposes dummy was dead. Declarer had no e way of collecting more than one heart trick, so at trick three South

tried the club finesse. That lost and another diamond came back. When the clubs failed to break, declare & B. C. was held to one spade, one hear and three tricks in each miner for down one. Had West won the first he defense would have collapsed De clarer would have taken the dia-

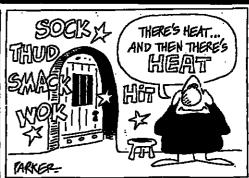
mond return in hand and led another heart, eventually forcing out the remaining stopper. The kings of diamonds would still have been on the table as an entry to the hearts, and declarer would have ended up scoring one spade, three hearts, three diamonds and two clubs—just enough to land contract.

Here's your lesson for the month-one which could make your bridge endeavors a lot more profitable. Bear in mind that mos techniques available to declarer ca be used equally effectively by defenders.

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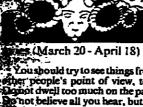








YOUR STARS



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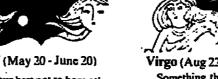


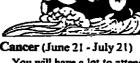
the subject if you feel you

on will have something to be

ased about. Make sure you do

exaggerate and stick to safe





You will have a lot to attend to and must not waste time in gossip or idle chatter. You will have some good luck but not quite in the way you would have preferred. Try not to get into bad habits. Be as good as



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21) You should not set yourself up against change but nor should you make changes just for the sake of change. Make sure you get enough rest and eat sensibly. Do not expect others to do just what you would



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21) Something that you had firmly expected would happen will not. You should not jump to conclusions nor should you do the first thing that comes to mind. Take a bit more care of your personal appearance. Be tolerant.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)

The influences are mixed but you will have a very good opportunity. Do not expect to be able to per-suade others in every respect, and avoid trying to use force. Do your best to dismiss negative thoughts



You will tend to exaggerate and should try to restrain yourself. An opportunity to reduce conflict and increase harmony should not be missed. Avoid jumping to con-clusions and do not allow prejudice to cloud your judgement. Be sin-



You will have plenty of energy but you must not dissipate it. Your lucky numbers are 16 and 22. Ensure you get all the rest you need and take regular exercise, too. Not everything will be quite as you would wish.



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)

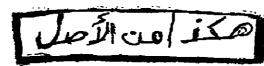
Something you had expected would happen will, but not quite as you had anticipated. You should make sure that you lock all doors and windows when you leave home. A persistent problem will be nearer to solution. Be moderate.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18) Your inner peace of mind will be threatened but you will be able to maintain it. You should make sure you keep an appointment at the right place and at the right time. You will be able to do something

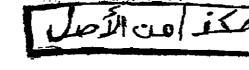


You will appreciate something that you have been taking too much for granted. Make sure you do not insult others, and do not take everything so personally either. Be



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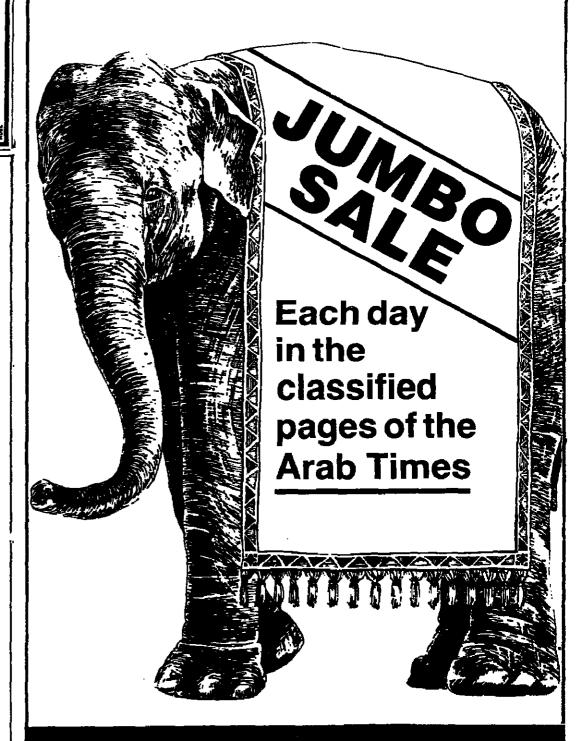
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Sports Briefs

Heavy rain

ADELAIDE, Australia, Dec 1, (AP): Heavy rain washed out all but 40 minutes of play today, opening day of the four-day cricket match between Sri Lanka and state team South Australia at Adelaide Oval. Sri Lanka, which salvaged a draw with New South Wales in its tour opener and then suffered an innings defeat against Victoria, was looking forward to batting practise to prepare for the First Test against Australia, which begins Dec 8 in Brisbane.

Chilean player SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec 1, (AP):

Chilean investigators have con-cluded that the goalie of the national soccer team, Roberto Rojas, intentionally cut his own forehead to halt a World Cup qualifying match that Chile was losing to Brazil three mon-ths ago. Rojas denied the charge, and said be has beenmade a scapegoat.

Dutch striker

MILAN, Italy, Dec I, (Reuter): Dutch striker Ruud Gullit, sidelined through injury since June, is to undergo a second knee operation this week and it may keep him out of action until well into the new year. QPR midfielder

LONDON, Dec 1, (Reuter): Midfielder Nigel Spackman yesterday agreed to join Glasgow Rangers from English First Divison Queen's Park Rangers, and will celebrate his 29th birthday tomorrow by making his debut against Hearts.

Soccer tournament

CAIRO, Dec I, (Kuna): Kuwait's Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah yesterday inaugurated the soccer tournament named after late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al Salem Al Sabah, sponsored by the National Union for Kuwaiti Students, Cairo

Real triumphs

MADRID, Spain, Dec 1, (AP): Real Madrid defeated Atletico de Madrid 2-0 yesterday and moved into the quarterfinals of the Spanish King's Cup soccer tournament. Mexican striker Hugo Sanchez scored twice, in the 34th and 83rd minutes.

Italian Supercup MILAN, Italy, Dec 1, (AP): internazionale of Milan defeated Samp-

doria of Genoa 2-0 Wednesday night in the final of the Italian Supercup, pitting the Italiian defending champions against the winners of the Cup of Italy.

Promoter shot

LONDON, Dec 1, (UPI): Top Brit-ish boxing promoter Frank Warren was "critical but stable" in hospital this morning after being shot at point-blank range the previous even-ing as he arrived at a bout in Lon-den's East Find don's East End.

Swimming meet

MONTREAL, Dec 1, (AP): Anders Holmertz of Sweden swam the second-fastest 400-metre freestyle ever in a 25-metre pool yesterday to start the eight-event World Cup swimming circuit at the centre Claude Robillard Pool.

E. German sport

EAST BERLIN, Dec 1, (Reuter): East Germany's sports chiefs favour restructuring the way sport is run to place greater emphasis on popular sport and less on clitism, according to newspaper reports on their crucial closed-door meeting.

Former boxer

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec 1, (AP): Former world heavyweight boxing contender Joe Bugner, now a part-time actor, will bid tomorrow to earn a place in Australia's Commonwealth Games track and field team. Hungarian-born Bugner, a former British junior discuss champion, will compete in the Australian national team trials at the Sydney Athletic Field.

Jansher and Geaves take squash titles

THE HAGUE, Dec (Reuter): Jansher Khan of Pakistan captured the men's title at the Dutch Open Squash Championships by beating Australia's Chris Robertson 15-12, 15-4, 15-13 in the final yesterday.

The top seed looked like winning from the start, taking a slow first game before raising the pace in the second and forcing the fourth seed into

Robertson led 13-11 at one stage in the third game but Jansher was too strong and

ended matters on the hour. "If you've played well all during the tournament, you win it too. There's not that much luck involved in squash," Jansher said later, who won \$8,000 in prize

money. Meanwhile England's Fiona Geaves took the women's title at the Dutch Open Squash Championships, beating compatriot Alison Cumings in a close-

fought final yesterday. Eighth-seeded Fiona, who won 15-7, 15-12, 7-15, 11-15,

15-9, seemed set for an easy victory after taking the first two games in overpowering Alison seeded sixth, boun-

ced back, making clever use of the court to land a series of unreturnable lobs to draw

But, she ran out of steam in the final game, overwhelmed by Fiona's more powerful strokes.

England to play Tunisia in Cup warmup

LONDON, Dec 1, (Reuter): England are planning to complete their World Cup soccer countdown with a match in Tunisia.

The English Football Association (FA) said on Wednesday they had provisionally arranged to play against Tunisia in Tunis on June 2 and might spend a week there before the match for acclimatisation pur-

The World Cup finals in Italy begin a week later and England are expected to be placed in Sardinia or Sicily for the first round for security reasons.

We would have to go somewhere that would give us heat acclimatisation because Sicily, in particular, is going to be very hot," said FA spokesman Glen Kirton. Sweden will prepare for their first World Cup finals since 1978 with friendlies in Saudi Arabia in February before winding up their training with a match at home against Finland in late May.

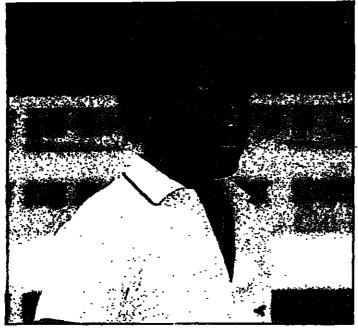
Sweden Manager Olle Nordin said yesterday that his team would escape from the Swedish winter to a 10-day training camp in Saudi Arabia, with games against the host country on February 14 and 17.

The Saudi session will be followed by a friendly against Belgium, another World Cup finalist, in Brussels on February 21. An away game against Algeria was pen-

cilled in for April 11, Nordin said. After meeting Finland on May 27, a final 22-strong squad will train on the Swedish west coast before departing for the World Cup finals in Italy in early June.

Azharuddin slams half century

Manjrekar's ton rescues India



Manjrekar: pulled India out of trouble

many, Dec 1, (Reuter): Franz

Beckenbauer, the "Kaiser" who

rescued West Germany's soccer

team from crisis in 1984, has

decided to step down as manager

after next year's World Cup fin-

Hermann Neuberger, West

German Soccer Federation

(DFB) president, told a news

conference today that Becken-

bauer would be succeeded by

national youth team trainer Berti

Vogts, known in his playing days

Vogts, 42, will have a four-year

contract giving him complete control of the senior team until

after the 1994 World Cup finals

in the United States, Neuberger

his voluntary move, said:

'Today we have a very satisfac-

tory situation in German foot-..

als in Italy.

as the "Terrier."

LAHORE, Pakistan, Dec 1, (Reuter): Sanjay Manjrekar underlined his emergence as India's newest batting star with a personal best of 132 not out to inspire an emphatic recovery in the third cricket Test against

Pakistan today.

Manjrekar shared century stands with Mohammad Azharuddin, who hit 77, and Ravi Shastri, unbeaten on 33, as India fought back from five for two to 255 for three before bad light ended play early on the first

Bombay-born Manjrekar, son of former Test batsman Vijay, sustained his recent prolific form by making his second hundred of the series and his third in his eighth Test.

Manjrekar showed his potential during India's four Tests in West Indies earlier this year, and has blossomed in the current series, making an unbeaten 113 in the opening Test which he followed with 76 and 83 in the

him in the 1974 World Cup win-

ning side, was known popularly

as the "Terrier" for the way he

Beckenbauer virtually created the position of libero at his club

Bayern Munich and with West

As "teamchef" (team boss),

Beckenbauer, who declined the

title or routine tasks of a trainer,

restored the West German

squad's self-respect after the drubbing imposed on them and Derwall by the media and public

He took them to the final of the

1986 World Cup in Mexico, which they lost 3-2 to Argentina, and two weeks ago saw the team

through to next June's World

on the way down - not from the

aspect of performance but in the

public's respect. Now we've

Beckenbauer said: "When I

harried opposing strikers.

Germany.

Cup finals.

'Terrier' to replace 'Kaiser' as manager

ball. It was quite otherwise when

for a team to be more profes-

sional than the current national

say the time has come to do

something else. I have the feeling

that I am no longer needed as I was five years ago," Becken-

He took over after the DFB split with former national trainer

Jupp Derwall, who was blamed

for the squad's failure at the 1984

European Championships to

Beckenbauer was West Ger-

many's most-capped player with

106 international appearances.

His expertise and imperious air

him the accolade "Kaiser"

(emperor).
Vogts, who played alongside

repeat earlier successes.

He said it would be impossible

"That was the reason for me to

I began in 1984."

India, having drawn the first two games of the four-match rubber, had to overcome a wret-ched start here in which they lost both openers cheaply after win-

ning the toss.
Captain Krishnamachari Srikkanth got an inside edge to a delivery from left-arm paceman Wasim Akram which uprooted his leg stump before he had scored, while Navjot Sidhu was lbw to Imran Khan for four.

Manjrekar, who struck 17 fours, launched the revival in a third wicket stand of 149 with Azbaruddin, whose fine innings contained 11 fours.

Azharuddin, century-maker in the second Test, fell shortly after lunch when he sparred at a delivery from debutant pace bowler Shahid Mahboob and was caught by wicketkeeper Nadeem Abbasi

On a benign pitch, Manjrekar and all-rounder Shastri consolidated by putting on 101 in an

come out of this trough."
He added: "The sporting high-

light was undoubtedly the 1986

runners-up spot in Mexico,

which no one had thought we

"There is much to do in German football. I am thinking

mainly about the marketing sec-

ment marked his swan song as a

trainer, Beckenbauer said: "Let's

better say temporarily. One can

never rule out that the devil will

start riding me again in two or

Vogts, who will be assisting

Beckenbauer in Italy, said there

would be few changes in the way

Beckenbauer's shoes." It is cer-

is the most important thing and

we still need success in German

football," the trainer said.

It would not be easy to fill

three years time. Let's wait."

Asked if today's announce-

could do.

tor," he said.

Manirekar reached three figures with a five off Imran, helped by a badly misdirected throw from Mahboob, and soon afterwards passed his previous Test best of 113 not out. Scoreboard

INDIA first innings K. Srikkanth b Wasim Akram N. Sidhu Ibw b Imran S. Manirekar not out M. Azharuddin c Abbasi b

Mahboob R. Shastri not out Extras (b-2 lb-4 nb-2 w-1)

Total (for three wickets) Fall of wickets: 1-12-53-154 To bat S. Tendulkar, M. Prab-hakar, Kapil Dev, K. More, A. Ayub,

Maninder Singh Bowling to date: Imran 19-5-59-1. Wasim Akram 34-6-65-1, Mahboob 20-1-72-1, Akram Raza 6-1-24-0, Oadir 8-1-27-0, Salim Malik 1-0-2-0 Pakistan - Aamer Malik, Rameez Raja, Shoaib Mohammad, Javed Miandad, Salim Malik, Wasim Akram, Nadeem Abbasi, Imran Khan, Akram

E & W tennis

tournament

gets under way

THE 4th E & W tennis cham-

pionship, held under the patron-

age of the Minister of Electricity

and Water Dr Hmoud Al

Roobah, started at the Ramada

Al Salam tennis courts on Thurs-

Over 250 players are taking

part in this tournament, being

organised for the fourth year in a

row. The 250 players will com-

pete in three categories, under

12-years, under 18 years and gen-

doubles for both ladies and men,

The results of the preliminary

matches of the under-12 years competition which were held on

Thursday, were as follows: Khaled Al Mesfer beat Ahmad

Uqla 6/1, 6/0; Saud Al Zamel beat Mani Takhakh 6/0, 6/0;

Oursh Kuwair beat Ahmad Ali

6/1, 6/0; Khaled Gharaballi beat

Nayef Ayed 6/0, 6/0; Khaked Sarab beat Hamad Zaabi 6/2, 6/

4; Bader Al Bader beat Ahmad

Fattah 6/2, 6/2; Osama Abbas beat Danio Clyton 6/1, 6/0; Bas-

sam Sadeq beat Hamad Zamel 6/

3, 6/3; Anwar Hadi beat Moham-

mad Abdal 6/2, 6/2; Simon Alven

beat Hamed Ayoub 6/3, 6/4;

Nawaf Al Shawa beat Nawaf

Fahd 6/1, 6/1; Michil Khwatal

beat Bader Sulaiman 6/0, 6/1;

Hussain Dashti beat Tareq

ali start from today.

eral age.

Liverpool upset at Hillsborough Raza, Abdul Qadir, Shahid Mah-

LONDON, Dec 1, (Reuter): English League leaders Liverpool, returning to Hillsborough stadium for the first time since April's disaster when 95 spectators were crushed to death, were surprisingly beaten 2-0 by bottom club Sheffield Wednesday on Wednesday.

A Liverpool fan pays his respects on the terraces where the fans were

killed. (Reuter wirephota)

In front of a crowd of 32,732, both teams observed a minute's silence before kick-off as they stood facing the Leppings Lane terraces where the tragedy happened.

When the game eventually started, David Hirst gave the home side the lead after a blank first half with a well-made goal in the 54th minute. Strike partner Dalian Atkinson grabbed a superb second in the last minute to lift Wednesday off the bottom of the table for the first time this season. Liverpool are now level at the top with Arsenal, Aston Villa

and Chelsea who all have 27 points from 15 games.

In the League Cup, Tottenham finally disposed of Third Division Tranmere Rovers with a 4-0 win in a replay at White Hart Lane to book themselves a place in the quarterfinals of the competition.

For much of the game a David Howells strike after 29 minutes separated the sides but goals from Paul Stewart, Gary Mabbutt and Paul Allen in the last 16 minutes eventually gave Spurs a slightly flattering victory.

Fourth Division Exeter led 2-0 and came close to upsetting Second Division Sunderland before settling for a 2-2 draw.

Liverpool are now expected to show no mercy when they visit bottom club Manchester. City in an English First Division soccer match

head on Monday with the dismissal of manager Mel Machin, under Their caretaker management team of Tony Book and John Deehan

An equally tough task faces Queen's Park Rangers, who sacked

home win over Liverpool, will be picking up the pieces under caretaker coach Don Howe when they visit fellow strugglers Crystal Palace. Midfielder Andy Sinton said: "I don't think there will be any after-

Comaneci heads for

WASHINGTON, Dec 1, (AP): Romanian gymnast Nadia Comaneci, who fled her homeland for Hungary earlier this week, has been granted a request to come to the United States and was on her way to

New York today from Vienna, US officials said. The officials, who asked not to be identified, said Comaneci, who complained of repression in her homeland, was granted refugee status by US con-

sular officers in Europe.

Comaneci, a former Olympic star, and six other Romanians crossed the border into Hungary on

Tuesday and went into hiding. The officials had no information on where

Comaneci, 28, made her request to come to the United States. As a refugee, she is considered by US officials to have a well-founded fear of persecution if she returns to her homeland, whose hard-line communist government has rejected the reformist tide sweeping other East European countries. The officials said Comaneci will be eligible to

apply for permanent resident status in the United States in one vear.

At the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal, she earned the first perfect score ever given to a gymnast.

She won three gold medals at Montreal and two gold and two silver medals four years later in the Moscow

the team was run.

The defection was a major embarrassment to Romanian leader Nicolae Ceausescu, who just last week reaffirmed his hard-line refusal to follow the wave of reforms sweeping his Warsaw Pact allies. Gertrude Emilie Eberle, a close friend and fellow

gymnast who defected to Hungary in May, said in an interview with the Madyar Nemzet that Comaneci often visited the Ceausescu family.

She was even considered a confidant of the Romanian leader," said Eberle who works as a gymnastics coach in Budapest.

The newspaper also said the Romanian press has been silent about Comaneci's defection but speculated the news has spread by word of mouth

throughout the country. Emil Iovanescu, a Romanian dissident living in

Budapest, told the sport newspaper Nepsport Comaneci's escape would have shocked Romania. "She is Romania's greatest athlete of all times, and Romania finds it difficult to accept her leaving,"

Khalaf 6/2, 6/1. Top driver

NEW YORK, Dec 1, (AP): Emerson Fittipaldi won the Indianapolis 500, went on to take the Indy-car championship and capped his season on Wednesday by being named the 1989 Driver of the Year.

Singles and doubles matchesonly will be played. In the tournament the under-12 category matches started Thursday while other competitions in singles and

Manchester City are looking to pull out of a crisis which came to a whom they won promotion last season.

Liverpool side wounded by their upset at Hillsborough.

Trevor Francis as manager on the same day. Francis, 35, was later also released as a player and his first club Birmingham City, now in the Third Division, have expressed interest in him in that capacity. Rangers, whose only victory in their last 10 games was a surprise

'Gubby' Allen dies aged 87

LONDON, Decl. (Reuter): Former England captain Sir 'Gubby' Allen, one of the cricket's great amateurs and a man of principle, died at his London home on Wednesday night

aged 87. Sir George Oswald Browning Allen, known throughout his cricket-ing life as Gubby, captained England against India in 1936 and led MCC

tours to Australia in 1936-37 and West Indies in 1947-48. Essentially a fast bowler, who took 81 wickets in 25 Tests, his qualities were exemplified on England's 1932-33 bodyline tour of Australia when

he refused to implement captain

Douglas Jardine's leg theory.

While fellow fast bowlers Harold Larwood, Bill Voce and Bill Bowes joined in Jardine's controversial strategy, conceived to try and unset-tle Don Bradman, Allen kept his line firmly on the stumps.

A member of the London Stock

Exchange from 1933 to 1972, Sydney -born Allen's business prevented him playing full-time for Middlesex but such was his ability he could pick his

games for the county.

Allen became one of the game's leading administrators, being appointed chairman of England's selectors in 1955, a post he held for seven years, and also serving as MCC's president and treasurer.

Waldegard ends Sulayem's winning sequence

DUBAl: Former world champion Bjorn Waldegard yesterday powered his way to a convincing victory in the Emirates International Rally, ending Mohammed bin Sulayem's magnificent run of success on home territory.

Nadia Comaneci

Handicapped by first-day problems in his Winston Toyota Celica GT-4, Sulayem was never able to challenge Waldegard who again drove superbly throughout the second leg to reach the finish almost nine minutes ahead of the At the end Sulayem said:

"After what happened yesterday there was no chance of catching Bjorn unless his car had a problem. But it's no disgrace to be beaten by one of the greatest rally drivers ever."

Finishing third in an Audi Quattro for the second successive year was Lebanon's Michel Saleh, followed by the UAE's Mohammed Swaidan who produced a splendid performance in his Range Rover. Oatar's Fahad bin Mubarak

took fifth position on his inter-

national rally debut at the wheel

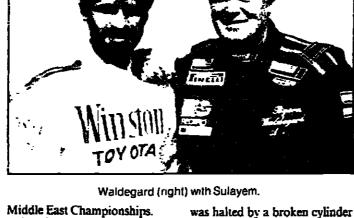
of a Group B Winston Toyota

Celica Turbo — the first two-

wheel-drive car to finish and the

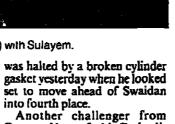
one in which Sulayem had

dominated the previous three



Another experienced UAE competitor, Hamid Al Mazroui, finished sixth in a Nissan Patrol, taking advantage of a cruel mis-fortune which put talented Qatari teenager Nasser Al Attiya out of the rally with engine trouble on the penultimate special

Stage. Out of 38 starters in the Winston sponsored rally there were 16 casualties. They included Oman's Tony Georgiou, whose brand new Mitsubishi Galant



a Range Rover. Celebrating victory with co-driver Fred Gallagher at the end of a faultless guest appearance for the Winston Toyota Team

Oman, Yousuf Al Zadgali,

claimed seventh position in a

Ranger Rover ahead of Dubai

dentist Peter Smith, also driving



Sulayem (right) with co-driver Ronan Morgan.

Middle East Waldegard said: "It may have looked easy at the end. but you have to remember that Mohammed had quite a few problems and when that happens, your driving can be affected. The gap was bigger than it should have been.

An electrical fault at the start of the 12th special stage yesterday delayed Sulayem and Irish co-driver Ronan Morgan by almost two minutes, and briefly threatened to drop them to third

Seeing his chance, Saleh roared past the Winston Toyota, but then lost his way and dropped around three minutes himself. "I became excited when I saw Mohammed's car stop 600 metres from the start and lost the route." said Saleh, who was partnered by Canadian Harry Dagh-

Provisional results: 1. Waldegard (Swe) 7/F.
Gallagher (N.Ire) Winston
Toyota Celica GT-4 2 hrs 27 mins 25 secs; 2. M. bin Sulayem

Zadgali (Om) Range Rover, 8. P. Smith/ D. Day (UAE) Range Rover 3:6:33.

'S. Africa will return to world rugby'

LONDON, Dec 1, (Reuter). South Africa's International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) chairman Fritz Eloff predicted yesterday that his country would be able to return to the international arena within two years.

"Normally I don't comment on political matters," Eloff said at a news coference following the IRFB's interim meeting.

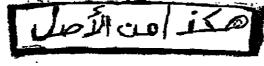
"But I believe that South Africa will in two years have changed to such an extent that we will be able to take our rightful place in world rugby.

South Africa have not toured since the 1981 visit to New Zealand, which was disrupted by

anti-apartheid protesters. They have not hosted a national team since England's visit five years ago, although both rebel and invitation teams have since visited the white-ruled

republic.

In a statement on Thursday the IRFB said it had approved a tour by an international invitation team next year to mark the centenaries of both the Natal Rugby Union and the Newlands Stadium in Cape Town.



(UAE) /R. Morgan (Ire) Winston Toyota Celica GT-4 2:36:10, 3. M. Saleh (Leb) /H. Daghlian (Can) Audi Quattro 2:41:41; 4. M. Swaidan/ A. Rahman Sabt (UAE) Range Rover 2:43:29; 5. F. bin Mubarak /A. Wahid Al Haye (Qat) Winston Toyota Celica Turbo 2:51:17; 6. H. Al Mazroui (UAE) /M. Al Hajri (Qat) Nissan Patrol 3:2:36; 7. A. Rahman Al Kamali/ Y. Al

Gina and Reney take double crowns

Injured Faiz reigns supreme

FAIZ MOHYUDDIN, a Pakistani, on Thursday proved once again that he was the best on the Kuwait badminton scene when he retained his men's singles title at the Kuwait Open Badminton Championship title despite playing with a badly sprained ankle.

Faiz, who has not been beaten in Kuwait since 1983, seemed to be heading out of the event when he sprained his ankle in his semifinal match on Wednesday at the KOC Sports Centre in Ahmadi. But a determined effort by him and some quick action by a Swedish doctor soon cut short the celebrations being planned by his

opponents.
The defending champion seemed to be sore and stiff at the start of his final against Saji Var-ghese as he found difficulty in putting his weight on his left foot. He was behind 2-6 in the first set at one stage and seemed to be heading for a defeat.

The crowd, sensing an upset in the making, backed his opponent while Faiz' supporters tried to boost their champion. The latter seemed to have succeeded in their efforts as Faiz started getting his rhythm and slowly crawled back into the game. He fought back magnificently to level the scores 6-6 and turn the tide of the whole match

Saji Varghese, finding no answer to a rejuvenated Faiz, crumbled under pressure and lost the set 15-7. He could only take one point after Faiz staged his rally.

The second set was a one-sided affair with Faiz in hurry to finish the match. The defending champion gave away only four points



All the winners pictured together after receiving their trophies. and Reney fought back after los-

ing the first set 8-15 to win the

match by taking the next two 15-3

on one leg in the first set but Reney

gave him all her support. By the

second set, Faiz' ankle had war-

med up, and with Reney at her brilliant best, their opponents

Faiz seemed to be playing only

to take the next set and also the

With this victory, Faiz left no doubt in his opponents minds that he was in no mood yet to surrender his crown. He, however, is contemplating quitting the singles events from next year. Faiz feels

that although he is still the best, he should leave the singles event while he is still on the top and also

has an unbeaten record After exactly one hour of his singles victory, Faiz was back on the court with Reney John to capture the mixed doubles title. Faiz

> were just swept. While Faiz took the double crown. Reney just missed in her attempt to get the triple. She joined Gina Anthony to take the adies doubles title after losing to

her partner in the ladies double. The ladies singles was a closely fought affair with Gina fighting back in the second set after losing the first 11-1. After this set it seemed that Reney would score a

crushing victory.

But Gina seemed to have other ideas. She played a brilliant second set, which could have gone either way. Both the players staged fong fallies and seemed to

have the whole crowd on their feet as the game swung from one player's favour to another. Finally. Gina won the second set 12D'Silva and Saji Varghese came

out champions after beating

Mathew N.C. and Siva Kumar

18-17 15-9. As with all the other

matches held during the finals,

this game was also very close

Earlier in the semifinals Faiz

especially the first set.

In the third set both the players again tried to gain the upper hand but Gina got into her rhythm more quickly. Reney fought valiantly until the end but ultimately lost the deciding set 11-

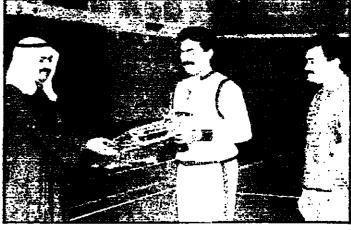
In the ladies doubles, Reney and Gina forgot their rivalry to beat Viji and Asha Kutty 8-15 17-16 15-12

The whole game was very close with both the sides putting up an excellent exhibition of badminton. The first set was dominated by the Kuttys but the second and third saw both sides giving nothing away.

The teams were made to fight for every point and the second set was also very close but Reney and Gina held on to take their second

In the men's doubles, R.





Two other winners receiving their prizes.

had thrashed George Joseph 15-3 15-5. Having sprained his ankle in the match. Faiz nearly played the whole second set on one leg. Saji Varghese had reached the singles final by beating Mathew N.C. 18-16 12-15 15-8.

In the ladies singles semifinals,

Gina Anthony had crushed Mary Haseman 11-1 11-1. In the ladies doubles semifinals, Viirand Asha Kutty had thrashed M. Haseman and K. Taylor 15-1 15-0 while Reney John and Gina Anthony had beaten R. Tharian and Saji Varghese 15-6 15-12.



A section of the crowd watching the matches.

I won toully my way to



WASHINGTON, Dec 1. (AP): Carl Lewis said on Wednesday he would not try to "bully my way" into the 1990 Goodwill Games, despite a ruling that excludes those who don't compete in next year's National Outdoor Championships.

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The rule was passed by the international competition committee of Athletics Congress. The Goodwill Games are in Seattle July 20-Aug 5. "If they want me to be there, I'll be there. If not, I

won't be there," said Lewis, a six-time Olympic Lewis boycotted this year's championships in his hometown of Houston because of 'ideological differences" with TAC, the national governing body

He said he did not plan to compete in the 1990 National Championships, to be held in California in June, because he would not be prepared to run until July.

The Lewis-led boycott, which caused several other top athletes to skip the championships, was the main reason for the committee's action. The absence of Lewis and the others was part of the reason the Houston Sports Association, financial

supporters of the meet, lost about \$35,000.
International competition committee chairman John Champlin, a coach at Washington state, said exceptions could be made if an athlete is injured or ill

and is unable to compete in the championships. The Goodwill Games are being put together by Ted Turner and wil be telecast on his Turner Broad-

casting System. Lewis has been doing publicity for He said his contract with Turner "has nothing to do with me competing." "If I go to the Goodwill Games, it will be because TAC wants me and Turner

want me, not because I force my way in. It won't be me....
"They say I'm always trying to bully my way in.
That's wrong. I don't do that."

The Goodwill Games format called for eight

competitors in each event, including two from the United States, two from the Soviet Union and four of the iop-ranked eight in the world. Under that plan, even if Lewis did not compete in the national championships, he could have filled one of the wild-

Lewis said he planned to take off from competi-tion for the first half of next year to help promote his book and to work with the University of Houston's young sprinters, which he had promised to do. Still, Lewis, who has had a long-time feud with

TAC, was not happy with the decision. "They're trying to force everyone to go into the

Tubbs fails drug test

LOS ANGELES, Dec I. (AP): Heav-yweight boxer Tony Tubbs tested positive for cocaine after beating Orlin Norris in a North American Boxing Federation Championship bout last week, the California State

Athletic Commission announced. Commission officials said Wednesday that Tubbs failed two postfight tests on Nov 21, at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, where he took possession of Morris' title with a split-decision win in the 12-round fight.

Tubbs admitted Wednesday that he had a drug problem.
"I am seeking professional help for this problem immediately," The fighter said in a prepared statement released through his manager, Useful Smith.

Harold Smith.
The commission likely will reverse the decision, but it was not clear Wednesday whether Morris would automatically reclaim the title. .

"In a case like this, when a winner flunks a drug test, the commission normally changes the decision....
usually it's changed to a disqualification victory," said Don Muse, the commission's assistant executive

The sign of good taste



Made in England

WATERVILLE VALLEY, New Hampshire, Dec 1, (AP): Alberto Tomba, the flamboyant Italian, looked like the dominating skier he was two years ago as he flashed through the first run of the opening World Cup Slalom of the regular season Wednesday, more than one second ahead of his closest challenger.

Hubert Strolz of Austria was third in 59.19 Felix Mcgrath of Hanover, New Hampshire, starting third, was the top US finisher at 59.90, out of the top 10. Kyle Wieche, of Farmington

Connecticut, starting 49th, was clocked in 1:00.74.

Yesterday URS Kaelin of Switzerland, struggling to make a name erased a week of depression following a crushing disappointment last

Kaelin overcame Lars-Boerje Eriksson of Sweden to win in a combined time of 2 minutes, 38.49 seconds through 54 gates over hardpacked snow.

of the second run, 1:20.91, for a total 2:38.75. But Kaelin, third after the first run, turned in the second-fastest time of the run to win by .26

Kuwait Airways has a vacancy for a

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Applicants must approach the Employment Office of Kuwait Airways at the Administration Building, Kuwait International Airport within 2 weeks of the date of this announcement.

Priority of employment is for: Kuwaities, Arabs, then Foreigners.



Tomba (right) with Zurbriggen after the race. (Reuter wirephoto)

Tomba finishes first

Tomba finished the run through 72 gates in 57.96 seconds on a clear

Pirmin Zurbriggen of Switzerland was second in 59.15 seconds and

for himself, won the Giant Slalom for his first World Cup victory and

Eriksson, 15th after the first run, moved up with the fastest clocking

Becker and Edberg also in semifinals

McEnroe and Lendl win

NEW YORK, Dec 1, (UPI): John McEnroe, troubled once again by an erratic serve and his brittle temper, was forced to three sets by Michael Chang last night before advancing along with Ivan Lendl to the semifinals of the Nabisco Masters.

McEnroe, who almost blew a 4-0 lead in the final set, extended his domination over Chang with a 6-2, 5-7, 6-4 victory after Lendl stretched his latest winning streak to 17 matches by blasting Aaron Krickstein, 6-1, 6-3.

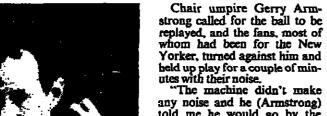
Between them Lendl and McEnroe have captured this season-ending championship eight times, and Lendl is seeking to reach the final a 10th consecutive time. They both have 2-0 records and conclude the round robin against each other on

Since defending champion Boris Becker and Stefan Edberg already have chinched the semifinal berths in the other group, this reduced the entire session this evening to little more than exhibition status. At stake on the final day of the roundrobin portion was \$30,000 for the winner of each match, and a determination of the semifinal

pairings.

McEnroe was fortunate to be broken only three times by his 17-year-old opponent, twice in the second set. Chang totalled 20 break point opportunities in the 2 hour and 43 minutes contest, squandering the first 10 before breaking for a 3-1 lead in the

After McEnroe fought back to 5-5, Chang, the French Open champion, won the set with another break in the 12th game. McEnroe took control early in



told me he would go by the machine." McEnroe explained later. "The crowd turned on me later to some degree, and then he (Chang) hit a couple of great shots and broke me and it was a dogfight to the end.

"I'm beyond being shocked by the fans in New York and how

they act."
McEnroe stumbled the rest of the way as Chang won the game and held his serve to close to 5-4. Chang then had four break points in the 10th game before McEnroe converted his second match point with a forehand crosscourt volley.

"I almost had him today, but almost isn't good enough," said Chang, nevertheless encoun-tered by the fact he took his first set against McEnroe in four career meetings. "I'd like to think I'm a little bit stronger and a little

The last game was typical, I just couldn't convert the break points and I had bad luck."

Lendi, a five-time Masters champion, thoroughly frustrated Krickstein, delivering 10 aces as he raced to leads of 4-0 in

the first set and 3-0 in the second.
"I'm happy I won and that I'm
in the semis," Lendl said. "That's all I wanted to do in the first three days. I just try to enjoy it, and if i keep moving and hitting well I should do fine.

Lendl, who has won 35 of his

78-6 for 1989. He now has reached the semifinals in 16 of the 17 tournaments this year, winning

- The world's No.1 player broke service in the opening game on his fifth break point, and again in the second game of the second set Krickstein double faulted on break point. That was all the help Lendi needed as he won his last four service games with the loss

of four points.

Krickstein said he feels more helpless against the 30-year-old Lendl than against any other

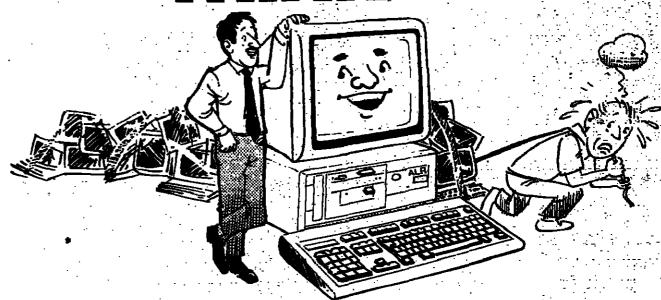
"Usually when you get around that age you tend to slow down."
Krickstein said playfully. "He's getting better — I wish he'd leave. Hopefully he'll win Wim-

Brad Gilbert defeated Andre Agassi, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, in the final match last night. Gilbert concluded the round robin at 1-2 and

Chang and Spaniard Aran-txa Sanchez are the two remain-ing names on the shopping list of Australian Open tennis championship officials.

Chang has said he will be taking a break from tennis early in 1990 and plans to miss the first Grand Slam tournament of the year, while Sanchez also plans a

Tennis Australia president Geoff Pollard said on Wednesday he would be making a new approach to Chang, who is ranked fifth in the world, in an attempt to change his mind before entries for the Jan 15-28 championships close on MonTHINK BIG



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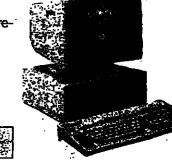
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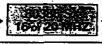
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Leonard and **Duran prepare** for title bout

LOS ANGELES, Dec 1, (AP): The fight has been dubbed "Uno mas" — Spanish for 'one more'. But it is just one more? Or one too

As the decade of the 1980s opened, Sugar Ray Leonard and Roberto Duran staged a memorable show in Montreal, with Duran taking a 15round decision that remains to this Leonard's only loss. Five months later, on Nov 25,

1980, Leonard avenged the defeat, winning by TKO in New Orleans when the beaten Duran quit in the eighth round, uttering "no mas, no mas, — no more. Afterwards, Duran, who claimed

announced his retirement, saying I've gotten tired of the sport and I feel it's time for me to retire."

Leonard retired two years later after having surgery to repair a deta-ched retina in his left eye. He first comeback in 1984, then immediately retired again, saying after an unim-pressive ninth-round knockout of Kevin Howard, "There's no sense fooling myself. That's it."

As the decade closes, Leonard, 33, and Duran, 38, meet again, with their Dec 7 bout at the New Mirage Hotel in Las Vegas being heavily promoted in the United States as "Uno mas." Duran says he's lighting for retribution, Leonard says he's always wanted the "rubber match."

There's also the matter of a

guaranteed \$12.6 million - 35,000 a minute if the bout goes its scheduled 12 rounds — for Leonard, and \$7.6 million for Duran.
At a press conference Wednesday.

the fighters seemed intense, but less than completely inspired as they shared the head table

"This is a fight I take very seriously," said Leonard, who had indicated after his last fight, a 12-round draw with Thomas Hearns on June 12, that he didn't completely have his heart in that match.

"This is very important," it could possibly be my last fight... the one they'll remember." Leonard said. "My last fight (against Hearns) was not that impressive," I think it wasn't and I'm my own biggest critic."

Deadline set for Tyson title fight

MARACAY . Venezuela, Dec 1, (AP) The World Boxing Association announced Wednesday that heavy weight champion Mike Tyson has until June 12 to defend his title against Evander Holyfield.
The WBA also gave Puerto Rican

lightweight champion Edwin Rosario until next March to fight Azumah Nelson of Ghana. Under WBA statutes, the deadline for the Rosario-Nelson bout was Nov 9.

The Tyson-Holyfield match also is past deadline, but Tyson has signed a contract to light James Douglas, ran-ked fourth by the WBA, on Feb 12 in Last week, during the WBA con-

vention in Philadelphia, Holyfield's manager filed a complaint against Tyson for the delay in the fight. But the WBA granted the special permission requested by Don King, promoter for the Tyson-Douglas light, and extented the deadline.



John McEnroe

the final set, sweeping to a 4-0

lead and holding triple break

point in the fifth game before

McEnroe, as is his wont.

angered the crowd and almost.

threw away the match when he

protested a fault call while serv-

ing for the match at 5-2. The linesman called the ball out but

the cyclops machine didn't regi-

Chang managed to hold.

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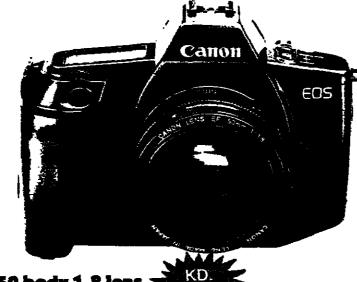
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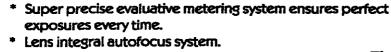
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